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'One IPI crane could collapse'

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With no ongoing construction at the Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC's resort/casino project, the Commonwealth Casino Commission is concerned about the imminent danger the three

tower cranes at the site pose to business establishments and people in western Garapan, especially during this typhoon season.

That fear was further
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6 more travelers test positive

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Six more incoming travelers have tested positive for COVID-19, and were identified

through travel screening and confirmed through testing upon their arrival on Saipan last Friday, July 30.

All six positive travelers came from the United States, said CHCC chief executive of-

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14 Pagan residents safely evacuated

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Fourteen Pagan residents were safely evacuated from the island last Saturday and are currently staying with family members on Saipan

after an uptick in volcanic tremors prompted the CNMI government to send two boats to the island last Thursday.

Signs of the island's volcano being restless again induced the Alaska Volcano Observatory of the United

States Geological Survey to place Pagan under the yellow level of concern last Friday.

Level yellow means the volcano is restless. At this level, the volcano's seismic activity is elevated and

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SUMMER JAM

Members of the audience check out some of the food and drinks vendors that were a part of the Hafa Adai & Tirow Summer Jam last Saturday at the Guma Sakman in Susupe. The Summer Jam was the Marianas Visitors Authority's first event on Saipan, with more events coming soon. Next up is the Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on Aug. 27 to 29 at the Garapan Fishing Base.

JOSHUA SANTOS

COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

LEGEND:

- Red: Least safe
- Orange
- Yellow
- Blue
- Green: Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

AT A GLANCE

As of 7:17pm, Aug. 1, 2021

VACCINATIONS IN THE CNMI

Eligible Population
Fully Vaccinated: **71.3%**

Days since last community transmission **131**

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Fully Vaccinated:	25,625
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Initiated:	4,319
Fully Vaccinated:	4,054
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Fully vaccinated:	551

GUAM	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	8,529	12	8,541
Recovered	8,327	11	8,338
Active	48	12	60
Deaths	143	0	143

SAIPAN	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	190	6	196
Traced via Travel Screening	153	6	159
Traced via Community Screening	37	0	37
Deaths	2	0	2

Source: Joint Information Center - Guam, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

CURRENT COVID-19 VACCINATIONS



Source: vaccinatecnmi.com/vax-dashboard/

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Representatives of travel agencies and media and social media channels in Korea visit the Marianas.

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A total of 77 young campers joined this year's 4-H Marianas' Camp Magalahi on Saipan.

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Scarlett Johansson is suing the Walt Disney Co. over its streaming release of "Black Widow."

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Local

'Summer Jam' heralds the resumption of tourism

The Marianas Visitors Authority celebrated the resumption of international flights to the Marianas with the Hafa Adai & Tirow Summer Jam last Saturday, featuring live music, food and drinks vendors, multiple raffles hosted by the COVID-19 vaccination campaign Road to 80, and a "Battle of the Bands" later into the evening.

In line with the CNMI's goals of maintaining safety during the COVID-19 pan-

demic, festival-goers had to go through screening booths where temperatures and contact information were collected, and entry wristbands were given before entering festival grounds. The screening booths were located at both points of entry into the festival, which ran from 3pm to 10pm. Additionally, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. had a booth where festival-goers could receive their COVID-19 vac-

inations if they wished.

Some of the event's food vendors included Java Joe's, Island Grindz, Furusato Japanese Restaurant, Meals 4 U Restaurant & BBQ, Lyn's BBQ, Oh My Grill, Pate Puffs and Pastries, and Tyler's Gelatte Stone. Two drinks vendors were present as well, both selling water, alcohol, and other beverages.

As openers before the Battle of the Bands started,

festival-goers were treated from 3pm to 5:30pm to live music performances from the BaRaHa Band, Ace Elameto, Da Kine, and Dr. Doyle. Participating in the Battle of the Bands were Nameless, Hui Uke, High Tide, Black Sandz, Sugar King Band, Vib3, Splutters, Grand, and Ben "LamLam" San Nicholas.

The winners of the Battle of the Bands were determined through a combination of au-

dience and judges' votes. Sugar King Band got first place and won \$1,000. High Tide was in second place and won \$750, and Hui Uke was third and won \$500. All remaining bands received \$150 each as a consolation prize.

MVA managing director Priscilla Iakopo said the Summer Jam was MVA's first event on Saipan, with more events coming soon. "This is the first event that MVA is

hosting here on Saipan. We're very excited as this is one way that we can warm up our community, and also encourage more of our visitors to enjoy what the CNMI has to offer through our events here in the CNMI," said Iakopo.

Next up is the long-awaited Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on Aug. 27 to 29 at the Garapan Fishing Base. (*Joshua Santos*)

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07/16/2021

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) SECTION 3 PRESENTATION

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is conducting a Section 3 presentation for all interested contractors planning to conduct business with the NMHC. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) encourages all HUD funded programs to comply with the Section 3 program requirement.

What is Section 3? It is a provision of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and the purpose of Section 3 is to ensure employment and other economic opportunities generated by certain HUD financial assistance shall, to the greatest extent feasible, and consistent with existing Federal, State and local laws and regulations, be directed to low-and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to business concerns which provide economic opportunities to low-and very low-income persons.

The Section 3 presentation will be held on August 17, 2021, 10:00 a.m. via Zoom Teleconferencing. You may access the Zoom Teleconference link at www.nmhcgov.net "Public Notice / Announcement tab" or www.cnmi-cdbgdr.com.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Office Manager/Procurement Officer at (670)234-6866/9447 or via email at officemanager@nmhcgov.net.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

From the COMMONWEALTH
OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
of the DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES
MANAGEMENT

DATE: August 2, 2021

NOTICE: The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) is currently reviewing a federal consistency determination from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regarding a catch limit of 2,000 metric tons (t) of longline-caught bigeye tuna per US Pacific territory, including the CNMI, for 2022. These catch limits, allocations, and accountability measures are identical to those specified for 2020 and 2021. More information about the proposed activity can be accessed via the DCRM website at: <https://dcrm.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/crm/2021-07-26-CZM-MP-Proposed-2022-Territorial-BET-Limits.pdf>

Federal consistency is a provision of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) that requires federal actions that affect the coastal zone to be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of a state's federally approved coastal management program (CMP).

Comments on whether the project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the CNMI's CMP can be submitted to the Division of Coastal Resources Management at fedcon@dcrm.gov.mp.

This public notice has been published for compliance with 15 CFR § 930.42. DCRM is soliciting public comments for fifteen (15) days, starting on August 2, 2021 and ending on August 17, 2021. We welcome your feedback and thank you for your consideration.

Torres: Manglona's concerns are only creating panic

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said Friday the Marianas Visitors Authority's Travel Bubble program is doing well and that he's confident with the system in place to mitigate the entry of COVID-19 from arriving international tourists.

In response to a question during his radio press briefing, Torres said he "absolutely disagrees" with Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota), who urged COVID-19 Task Force chair Warren Villagomez in a

letter last week urging him to rethink his decision to support the CNMI-South Korea Travel Bubble plan.

Instead of writing letters, though, Manglona should instead call the task force and ask to meet with them and offer solutions, Torres said.

In his letter to Villagomez, Manglona cited recent news reports that South Korea has posted a new high number of COVID-19 cases.

Torres said that writing letters and sending them out to the media only creates panic. He said Manglona should check him,

the Task Force, and MVA and find out what's going on so that he does not create chaos.

"We've been on this task force and the hospital, the hard-working staff of all the private sectors. We've worked so hard. We are the safest place on earth," Torres pointed out.

The governor assured that there's a system in place that they follow with the Travel Bubble program. He said the people's concern has been heard, addressed, and taken cared of. In fact, Torres said, before Manglona brought up any of his concerns, the task force

was already looking into it.

The governor said they continue to work with Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Esther Muña, doctors, nurses, and other professionals. Torres assured that they have addressed "left to right" those concerns similar to what Manglona raised.

"I'm confident that our system has worked obviously, and the system will continue to work," he said.

At the same press briefing Friday, Villagomez said that those concerns that Manglona stated had been brought up

many months ago when they were going over the CNMI's playbook with Muña and the COVID-19 Task Force. Villagomez said those concerns were funneled through key stakeholders and players here in the CNMI as well as with the Korean Ministry of Land and Infrastructure.

"So it's a unilateral efforts and common thinking that we laid out," he said.

Villagomez said all of those indicators that were identified in Manglona's letter are being monitored as well as enforced.

He noted that CNMI is driv-

ing toward a higher herd immunity.

The Travel Bubble's first flight came in last Thursday. Three airlines—T'way Air, Asiana Airlines, and Jeju Air—are authorized under the Travel Bubble program. Two more flights arrived last Saturday, July 31.

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority hereby gives notice that a **Regular Board of Directors Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** in MVA's Conference Room, Saipan, MP 96950.

MEETING AGENDA

- Preliminary Matters**
 - Call to Order
 - Roll Call
 - Adoption of Agenda
 - Adoption of Minutes
 - Regular Board Meeting – July 14, 2021
- Public Comments**
- Committee Reports**
 - Finance - Fund Status
- Old Business**
 - ITB: Acquisition of Riding Mower for MVA Tinian and Rota
- New Business**
 - Board of Directors Liability Insurance
- Executive Session**
- Miscellaneous/Announcements**
- Adjournment**

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2 mariners found two days after search was suspended

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The two mariners who have been lost at sea since July 22 were found by a merchant marine vessel just off the coast of Rota three days after the U.S. Coast Guard called off its search.

It was learned during a brief conversation with U.S. Coast Guard sector Guam spokesperson Ryan Fischer last Friday that Xiao Wei Quin and Yun Liu Red were found at around 3pm that day by a merchant marine vessel deployed near the CNMI.

According to an official USCG press release, Xiao and Yun were recovered 65 miles northwest of Rota by the merchant vessel *Mito*.

The two mariners were recovered three day after the Coast Guard suspended its search last Tuesday, July 27.

The search began last Wednesday, July 21, when the 14-foot black Kodiak skiff the two men were operating was reported overdue while traveling between Saipan and Guam.

Sector Guam watchstanders received a report from the CNMI Department of Public Safety at 4:16pm that day notifying them that the spouse of one of the individuals had called after being concerned for the mariners' wellbeing.

The spouse reported that the two men left Saipan for Guam on July 18, and the last text she received from her husband stated he could see Guam.

Sector Guam watchstanders issued an Urgent Marine Information Broadcast and deployed assets to search the area, while also coordinating with local and federal

partners, including land searches in Guam.

However, after 111 hours of searching, Capt. Nicholas Simmons, commander of Coast Guard Sector Guam, said the sector had to make the difficult decision to call off the search on Day 5.

"Since the case began, we worked closely with our local, regional, and federal partners covering over 14,000 square nautical miles during 111 search hours with no sign of Wei Quin and Liu Red. Making this decision is never easy, but we have suspended the active search pending development of further information" he said.

Assets and personnel involved in the search efforts included the crew of the Coast Guard cutter *Oliver Henry*; Coast Guard Sta-

tion Apra Harbor 45-foot response boat-medium crews; a Navy Mark VI patrol boat and crew; Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 H-60 helicopters and aircrews; Navy P-8 Poseidon aircrews; a Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point HC-130

Hercules aircrew; Air Force security forces; Guam Police Department ground crews; Guam Fire Department ground crews; Joint Rescue Sub Center Guam watchstanders; and Joint Rescue Coordination Center Honolulu watchstanders.

Investigation continues in fatal hit-and-run case

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The Department of Public safety has shot down rumors circulating on social media that the person responsible for the fatal hit-and-run last week has turned themselves in, saying the incident remains under investigation.

According to Department of Public Safety spokesperson Adrian Pangelinan, as of Sunday, the individual believed to have hit a 20-year-old woman and left her lifeless on the side of the road in Marpi has yet to turn themselves in.

DPS continues to investigate the incident but, as of press time, there are still no suspects in the case and witnesses are encouraged to share any information on what happened that night. For those who want to remain anonymous, they can call 234-7272.

Meanwhile, videos have surfaced on social media of the victim just hours before she was found dead on the shoulder of Route 30 in Marpi.

The video showed the victim walking along the road in Marpi while her companions drove beside her and telling her to get back

in the car. According to some of those companions, they were urging her to get into the vehicle but she refused to get in so they left her.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, DPS responded at around 9:52pm last Tuesday to a report about an unresponsive individual lying on the shoulder of Route 30 in Marpi just north of the former Marianas Resort

Saipan Tribune learned from a source that the one who called the police, who lives nearby, was driving home at around 9pm when he noticed a body along the road. The caller immediately stopped to help and called the police for assistance.

At the scene, police noticed tire marks near where the body was found.

The police report stated that Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services responders transported the female to the Commonwealth Healthcare Center where she was pronounced dead at 1am.

According to the report, the DFEMS officers at the scene saw multiple lacerations and deformities on the female's body. In addition, the officers also noticed that she sustained multiple fractures and severe injuries to her head.

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heightened when IPI construction site manager Jesse Aquiningoc told CCC board members during the board's meeting last Thursday that he believes that if not repaired immediately, Tower Crane No. 6 that is facing the beach may start to collapse in three months.

CCC board chair Edward C. DeLeon Guerrero asked IPI officials present at the meeting to immediately notify their legal counsel, Michael Dotts, about the situation so the lawyer can seek permission from the U.S. District Court for the NMI to let IPI repair that specific crane.

"I take this very, very seriously. Lives of people are involved," DeLeon Guerrero said.

He said he saw a video where a whole building in Surfside, Florida, collapsed last month and "we don't want to see something like that" here.

He urged IPI chief engineer Eric Poon to follow it up with Dotts.

Poon said they are on that matter since they inspected Tower Crane No. 6. "So we are coming very close to getting [that] started," Poon said.

DeLeon Guerrero said both Poon and Aquiningoc have the responsibility to alert IPI's management that this is an issue that's not negotiable.

Poon said they are not planning to remove Tower Crane No. 6 but only the arms, and the jib-boom that is holding the counterweight. Eventually, when they resume construction work, they are going to re-inspect all the tower cranes including Tower Crane No. 1, Poon said.

Aquiningoc said there is nothing wrong with crane No. 6's mass and turntable, as they are still in good shape.

Poon said they do have spare parts from Tower Crane No. 4 that they already took down.

DeLeon Guerrero urged Poon to have Dotts seek the federal court's approval to allow IPI's staff to go down and remove the arms on crane No. 6, and also take a look at crane Nos. 5 and 1.

At the start of the CCC board meeting, CCC vice chair Rafael S. Demapan and commissioner Ramon M. Dela Cruz inquired about safety issues with IPI's cranes.

Dela Cruz said IPI still has responsibility to ensure that the cranes are safe for the neighboring establishments. Dela Cruz said the IPI management should be informed that there is imminent danger in the area if they don't secure those cranes.

The commissioner noted that because of the proximity of the facility to the beach, the saltwater will rapidly erode those cranes.

Dela Cruz asked IPI to let the federal court know of the situation so it can at least issue a partial order so IPI can check the cranes and retrofit them

to make them safe to neighboring businesses.

Right now, the site has three standing tower cranes: Tower Crane No. 5 facing Joeten, Tower Crane No. 6 facing the beach, and Tower Crane No. 1, which is inside the construction site.

Poon said they recently worked on Crane No. 5 and did some maintenance work on it. "And it's running healthy," he said.

As for Tower Crane No. 6, Poon said they have not operated that since 2019. He said they recently inspected that tower crane and they discovered some rusted components that they need to take care of for safety reasons.

Poon said they did that visual inspection last May and they immediately made some maintenance work on that tower crane. "It poses no risk of safety hazard at this moment," said Poon, but he agreed with the board that it needs immediate repair.

With respect to Crane No. 5 which is facing Joeten, Poon and Aquiningoc said the last time it was operated was last December and January, when they took down Tower Crane No. 4.

Aquiningoc said Crane No. 5 is fairly new as they installed new components before they took down Crane No. 4.

As for Tower Crane No. 1, which is inside the construction site, Aquiningoc said he has not been there in

maybe seven months so he is sure it's already rusty.

Aquiningoc said his last assessment of Crane No. 6 was in May 2021 and that he already told Poon that there's a lot of rusty components already.

Poon said the met with the Department of Public Works last July and submitted their observation report regarding Tower Crane No. 6. Poon said they recommend to DPW that IPI be allowed to take down Crane No. 6's jib-boom and arms for safety.

Poon said they have not notified Dotts about the observation report as they want to settle the issue with DPW and have clear direction from DPW on the procedure and process on how to get the crane down safely. Poon said they want to use the same company that took down Crane No. 4.

CCC Division of Enforcement and Investigations manager Vicente B. Babauta said that he, CCC executive director Andrew Yeom, Poon, and a DPW representative met last July 2, in which CCC did raise the issue and concerns about the cranes.

Babauta said that, although they are not crane experts, based on at least their inspection, they know when the crane needs maintenance as it's rusty and overgrown with vegetation.

Babauta asked Poon if Crane No. 6 is safe to be standing there. Poon replied, "For now."

Babauta asked if there has been any incident where the parts of Crane No. 6 have fallen. Aquiningoc admitted that the crane's arm rails recently fell.

"It fell out because now we know that it needs attention and thankfully nobody got hurt," Babauta pointed out.

Babauta said DPW stated that it has no role in dismantling the cranes. Babauta said DPW is only into the building code, but what they (DPW) need from IPI is the listing of the people that need to work there in the dismantling of the crane.

"As long as that crane is standing it still poses a hazard to the surrounding. ...Not only is the crane high, but those arms are 40 to 60 meters [long] and can pretty much reach anywhere in Garapan if the unit collapses," he said.



DeLeon Guerrero

PAGAN

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the volcano's potential to erupt is increased. Also, in this state, steam and gas may rise above the volcano, which could contain ash.

According to the USGS NMI office, Pagan was placed on level yellow after ground-based observations from local residents indicate that they felt earthquakes and light emissions from Pagan at approximately 4:30pm last July 29.

"Due to the increase in activity, the Aviation Color Code/Volcanic Alert Status was raised to Yellow/Advisory. Seismic, infrasound, and web camera data from Pagan Volcano remain unavailable. No activity observed in satellite images over the

past week," the office stated.

As for the video circulating on social media of what looked to be the mouth of the Pagan volcano surrounded by flames, press secretary Kevin Bautista said that the video is not of Pagan island.

As of press time, Pagan remains at level yellow.

Pagan is one of two volcanoes that make up Pagan Island and is located on the northern end of the Island.

Pagan is one of the most historically active volcanoes in the Northern Mariana Islands. The last large eruption of the volcano was in 1981, followed by three and a half decades of intermittent activity.

Recent activity prior to 2016 was characterized by vigorous steam plumes and degassing from a shallow magma source.

TRAVELERS

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ficer Esther Muña on Sunday. All six cases did not report any COVID-19 vaccinations, according to the CHCC news release.

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Communicable Disease Investigation/Inspection team has already initiated contact tracing for

those who were the most immediate contacts of the six individuals.

In related news, a video of a woman appearing to be arguing with a KFC employee over the Chalan Kanoa branch's COVID-19 contact tracing policy was spreading on social media on Sunday. "I was here yesterday, and no one asked for my name. Why is it [needed] today?" asked the woman. "You care more about [the masks] than you do about people."

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JUNSIK KIM P O BOX 10005 PMB 1108 SAIPAN MP 96950	MAN HOU TONG PMB 966 BOX 10000 SAIPAN MP 96950	MIGUEL R VICHES P O BOX 645 TINIAN MP 96952	PACIFIC SUN LLC E-Z MASSAGE PMB 508 BOX 10002 SAIPAN MP 96950	RONG TIAN LU PMB 662 BOX 10003 SAIPAN MP 96950	TOMOYUKI SANO 3-9-3 KUWAZU HIGASHI-SUMIYOSHI OSAKA 546-0041 JAPAN
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KIM HOONG HONG P O BOX 10003 PMB 280 SAIPAN MP 96950	MARIANAS TAXI CORPORATION SOUWAREE CAR RENTAL P O BOX 502720 SAIPAN MP 96950	ELTSUE SONE 3-13-9-503 KUWAZU HIGASHI-SUMIYOSHI OSAKA JAPAN 546-0041	PATRICK T SEMENS ELIZABETH L SEMENS P O BOX 503137 SAIPAN MP 96950	SALVATORE MODESTO SAIPAN MP 96950	TRACY LYNN M SABLAN P O BOX 501036 SAIPAN MP 96950
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Korean media, influencers visit the Marianas



Travel agency chief executive officers and airline representatives from Korea visit Coral Ocean Resort on in July 2021. Participants in the familiarization tour of the destination were Myungil Choi and Kwang Young Sung of Yellow Balloon Tour, Sangheui Ohr of Global Tour, Jinseok Lee of Naeil Tour, Hyungyi Kim of T'way Air, Kyoungpyo Ko of Jeju Air, and Marianas Visitors Authority Korea in-country manager Changho Hong.

Representatives of major travel agencies and six media and social media channels in Korea have visited the Marianas to learn more about the destination for this month's resumption of direct international flights between the two

destinations.

The group arrived on Saipan on July 17, 2021, as part of a larger familiarization (FAM) tour, spending five days at the designated hybrid quarantine resort.

"Community safety re-

mains our top priority, so all members of the FAM tour spent their first five days in quarantine before exploring Saipan, Rota, and Tinian on their last two days," said Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo. "Overall, the feedback we received is that they were very satisfied with their trip, which aimed to provide them the experience and reassurance of what the Marianas can offer their customers and followers."

Media, chief executive of-

ficers, and agents of major travel agencies, and representatives of airlines left on Saturday, July 24, while a film crew and social media influencers will return to Korea on July 31. Participants included Naver bloggers Joanlee and Ellena Park Eunha, Naver blogger and Instagrammer Ryufill-foto, YouTube and Instagram channels youlakk and Yo:ON the Road, and Instagrammer _peppermint.b. The total estimated ad value of the media FAM tour is over \$117,000.



Social media influencers from Korea visit Tinian in the Marianas in July 2021.

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TV travel show Eudiny, also part of the FAM tour, has remained in the Marianas another week and will produce nine 1-3 minute video clips of the destination.

A travel bubble between the Republic of Korea and the Marianas aims to facilitate the safe resumption of air travel between the two countries during the COVID-19 pandemic; it is the first travel bubble agreement for Korea. The travel bubble applies to nationals, foreign national families of nationals, perma-

nent residents, and families of permanent residents. Those who wish to travel between the two countries under the travel bubble agreement must complete vaccination against COVID-19 at least 14 days ahead of departure with vaccines approved and provided by their respective governments (Pfizer, Moderna, Janssen, AstraZeneca). In general, people are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine. (MVA)



Social media influencers from Korea visit Long Beach on Tinian in The Marianas in July 2021.



Social media influencers from Korea dine at Surf Club on Saipan in July 2021.

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Social media influencers from Korea are hosted at a welcoming dinner by the Mayor of Rota in July 2021.

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4-H Marianas engages youth on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota

CNMI youth recently had a chance to enhance their team building and leadership skills through 4-H Marianas’ Camp Maga’lahi. A total of 77 campers ages 7-14 joined this year’s camp on Saipan.

Camp Maga’lahi is conducted in partnership with the Northern Marianas College Cooperative, Research, Extension, and Education Services – Family, Community and Youth Development or FCYD program.

The campers, with the help of their counselors, were able to learn about CNMI history, culture, how to swim and fish, and how to protect CNMI wa-

tersheds and coral reefs. The camp also helped them build their leadership, responsibility, and citizenship skills.

Campers on Saipan got a chance to visit Mañagaha, Paupau Beach, American Memorial Park’s Museum, and the aquaculture facilities of NMC CREES.

“I think it’s a good way for the kids to interact with each other, especially given the fact that we’ve been in this pandemic for about a year and a half now,” said Tenta Tenorio, a parent of one of the campers. “It gives them a chance to interact, be with other kids, their peers, and I think the great

planning that the 4H camp planned for all the activities was really helpful in making the parents feel comfortable that it was safe for them to attend these activities.”

“We are dedicated to engaging our youth in learning about our islands and the CNMI’s rich history and culture,” said Robbie Suzuki Jr., an extension agent for NMC CREES’ FCYD program. “We look forward to bringing Camp Maga’lahi to Rota for the first time.”

4-H Marianas is currently on Rota to host Camp Maga’lahi. Afterwards, they will host another camp on Saipan.



Aiyah Igitol poses for a photo during playtime at Paopao Beach.

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Camp Maga’lahi was made possible with the help of the American Memorial Park Junior Ranger Program, Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, Coastal Resources Management, Coral Reef Initiative, Going Coastal, PSS Food and Nutrition Service, Division of Fish & Wildlife,



Counselor Chareen Layugan assists the campers.

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Members of Camp Maga’lahi’s “House of Hurao” pose for a picture as they get ready for their trip to Managaha.

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Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

CUC-RAESP-21-029

A&E DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE SADOG TASI WWTP UPGRADE (S20-078)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified Architectural and Engineering (A&E) firms for the Design Services of the Sadog Tasi WWTP Upgrade in Sadog Tasi, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Proposers for this project must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The RAESP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one package set.

A Mandatory Pre-proposal Conference followed by site visits will be held on July 22, 2021 at 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Proposal and One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Cost Proposal in a separate envelope must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC-RAESP-21-029, A&E Design Services for the Sadog Tasi WWTP Upgrade”, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on August 13, 2021. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers who submit proposal determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. All proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from the proposal submitted by competing proposers.

All proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the proposers due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Consultant's preparation of a proposal under the contract. The RAESP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the statement of qualifications under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Consultants are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This RAESP and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 29, 2021** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Mr. Larry Manacop, CUC Water/Wastewater, Acting Chief Engineer – via email larry.manacop@cucgov.org; Westen Knudsen, Water/Wastewater Engineer – via email westen.knudsen@cucgov.org and Ms. Marcela Tenorio, Administrative Technician Senior – via email marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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The Dormant Deposit Accounts listed below are currently held at the Bank of Saipan and have been inactive. If you believe you have a claim to any of these accounts, please make your claim at the Chalan Lau Lau Main Branch of Bank of Saipan before October 1, 2021.

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Masks are back in fashion

As effective as the COVID-19 vaccines have been, the pandemic has taken an unfortunate turn in recent weeks. New cases and hospitalizations are no longer in decline across the United States, they're on the upswing; the highly contagious delta variant accounts for most. Doses of the vaccines are plentiful, but the arms willing to accept them are not; vaccine hesitancy has become a serious obstacle to conquering the disease. And to top it off, it's become increasingly clear that those masks people were so delighted to take off just weeks ago are coming back into fashion. This week's guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that vaccinated people ought to wear masks indoors in areas of significant transmission proved a milestone—raising the hackles of right-wing politicians and the usual conspiracy theorists while reminding average Americans that the fight against the virus isn't over yet.

The CDC has also advised that K-12 schools embrace universal masking among teachers, staff, visitors and students whether vaccinated or not, amid new data that show vaccinated people can still carry—and spread—large amounts of the virus. Kudos to systems like Baltimore County Public Schools for quickly adopting that standard for the fall, and Baltimore City Public School System for making the call before the CDC released its guidance. Given that children under age 12 aren't yet eligible for vaccination, this precaution seems prudent.

Americans can quibble about some of the fine print as much as they like. President Joe Biden's choice Thursday to mandate vaccination or regular testing, mask-wearing and social distancing for federal employees—a reversal of his previous position that vaccination ought to be voluntary—makes a lot of sense under these changing circumstances. This won't be the first time that federal employees have been asked to model good behavior. Some private employers are following suit. We would encourage others to do so as well. The stakes are too high for Americans to be satisfied with a "you do you" approach to public health, anymore than we ought to accept traffic signals or speed limits as mere suggestions.

Yet resistance to mask wearing continues. At least nine states have banned local mask mandates. This is unconscionable. It's one thing to question the CDC about data regarding how often vaccinated individuals have tested positive for the delta variant, it's quite another to reject mask wearing out of hand as if the prospect of cloth or paper covering mouth and nose was an imposition beyond reason. The latest war of words between Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy over the imposition of a mask mandate in the U.S. House of Representatives chamber is downright juvenile. It's just a mask, Mr. McCarthy. Surely, the chamber's dress code is more daunting.

The truth is that masks are a safe and effective means to reduce transmission of any respiratory virus including COVID-19. The better the mask, the more effective the barrier. That's the reason double masking has sometimes been recommended, too. Do masks take the place of vaccines? No, they do not. But here's the important point: They do no harm. They do not cause facial deformities, do not lead to cavities,

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4 ways that volunteering can be good for you

More than 77 million Americans volunteer a total of 6.9 billion hours a year doing everything from fighting fires to raising funds for cancer research. These efforts help others and support communities. But volunteering also tends to benefit the volunteers themselves in at least four different ways.

1. Boosting your health, especially if you assist others

Volunteering has long been associated with good mental and physical health, particularly for older people. In a long-term study, researchers at the University of Wisconsin found that volunteering was linked to psychological well-being, and the volunteers themselves said it was good for their own health.

While anyone can benefit from volunteering, people who are the least connected to others tend to benefit the most. In fact, the benefits are so strong that researchers have suggested public health officials educate the public to consider volunteering as part of a healthy lifestyle.

One study in particular looked into which kind of volunteering may be best for your health. When a team of social scientists combed through data collected in Texas, they found that people who volunteered in ways that benefited others tended to get a bigger physical health boost than volunteers who were pitching in for their own sake. They also benefited in terms of their mental health, such as by experiencing fewer symptoms of depression and becoming more satisfied with their lives.

2. Making more connections

Volunteering, especially when it's done on a regular basis, can help you make new acquaintances. Whether you volunteer for an organization on a daily, weekly or monthly basis, over time you are bound to develop strong relationships, typically with other volunteers and staff members.

Regular volunteers may get these benefits to a greater degree than people who volunteer sporadically, known as episodic volunteers. Consider this: Handing out water at a fundraising run in April and then helping bag groceries to give away in November is surely easier to squeeze into a busy schedule than volunteering regularly in an office. But those more convenient activities aren't as likely to help you build relationships over time. In other words, consistency matters.

There are benefits and drawbacks to every type of volunteering. For example, volunteering once in a while is often easy to schedule and is something families or friends can do together. However, volunteers who pitch in occasionally may not feel very connected to the mission of the nonprofits they support or get to know many other volunteers.

Regularly volunteering, on the other hand, makes it more likely that you will develop a deep relationship to the cause and to other staff and volunteers. However, this kind of volunteer-

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The Fulcrum

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ing requires a longer-term and bigger time commitment. It can also become frustrating if the volunteer's duties aren't a good fit for them.

Still, if people are willing to work toward finding the right fit and making time in their schedules, volunteering on a regular basis can help them get more out of their efforts, including new friends and acquaintances.

3. Preparing for career moves

When volunteers gain and strengthen skills and meet more people, it can help them find new paid work by honing their social and job skills and expanding their professional contacts.

Especially if you're unemployed or eager to get a new job, you may want to volunteer in ways that are more likely to fill gaps in your resume or help you network with people who can help advance your career. For example, you can learn leadership and governance skills by volunteering on a board of directors at your local food pantry and, at the same time, network with other board members.

Alternatively, you can volunteer for an organization in your field, whether it's health care, child care or accounting, as a way of staying current and active while looking for work.

Including volunteer work on your resume can also signal to a prospective employer that you're community-minded, self-motivated and willing to go above and beyond. As I often see with my students who volunteer, close relationships with nonprofit staff can lead to job referrals and glowing letters of recommendation.

4. Reducing some risks associated with aging

Older people who engage in mentally stimulating leisure activities on a regular basis may have better memory and executive function than those who don't, according to an analysis of related studies.

And because volunteers may need to tackle new problems, interact with clients and staff or drive to a new location, volunteering can be a highly stimulating leisure activity.

Volunteering can also help older people feel valued. For example, nonprofits can encourage older volunteers to become mentors—giving them a chance to impart what they've learned from their life and career experiences.

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5G and telecommunications warfare

Guam and, to a lesser extent Saipan, are moving toward more integrated state-of-the-art telecommunications networks. This means a lot in today's world because the global economy is driven by how fast technology, communications, and creativity unfolds. Our telephones, which were once used for phone calls alone, are now high powered, wireless, mobile computing devices, capable of doing all sorts of things that were unimaginable in previous generations.

Our families, friends, coworkers, and relatives of all ages are now becoming more and more accustomed to using high-tech devices. We want our Zoom meetings, our pictures, videos, and no longer accept high latency periods because we have gotten used to how technology has further enabled our lives, connections, and relationships through increased signal speeds and enhanced computing.

The result is that more of our people use more technology more of the time, in more interconnected ways, at fixed sites and mobile locations every day. It is difficult to imagine not having a mobile phone and immediate access to the internet with a laptop or iPad.

The Chinese-American war for world leadership on telecommunications

China and the United States have been at war on the telecommunications front worldwide. Chinese firms are not allowed to compete in most key telecommunications business areas in the United States and in the Marianas because of American national security concerns. These decisions are informed and founded on existing geopolitical restraints and government-to-government rules and regulations.

Compared to the United States, China is engaging in a more integrated whole-of-society approach to telecommunications, with the Communist Party funding and supporting research and development across consumer and business applications, network equipment production, site set up, silicon chip production, and infrastructure expansion for the purpose of becoming the world's leader in telecommunications. China is also managing its radio wave spectrum license process in ways that help it build its infrastructure faster than the U.S.

China has spent close to half a trillion dollars so far on 5G. China has differing interpretations of what constitute worldwide

standards compared to the U.S. and this difference is monumental because it informs how American competition with China is shaping up worldwide.

The newest kinds of telecommunications networks and some key benefits for our Chamorro people

With 5G available in Guam, villagers can now use a variety of advanced technologies that are intended to improve the quality of life. Medical advice can now be delivered online and via video calls in greater capacities as laptops, phones and watches are able to interconnect and deliver content in new ways.

The technological change taking place in the Marianas driven by 5G will continue to create the conditions that provide new kinds of jobs for our people and new kinds of entrepreneurial opportunities for our families over time. Let's remember that we are already in the era of autonomous driven vehicles powered by electricity, and this will also make its way to Guam and the Northern Marianas and will become the next new normal, thanks in part to 5G.

The Marianas will also continue to see the American national government maintain tight control over how 5G radio wave spectrum is allocated and managed, with clear separations to be kept in place for military/national government clients and commercial/villager clients.

Some monumental challenges remain

Privacy has and remains a key challenge because as technology improves and is deployed, our daily activities become more fully integrated and automated. This drives greater reliance on technology based on 5G standards, and with greater reliance comes greater risks such as misuse and theft of personal data and information.

In addition, from a human health standpoint, greater numbers of smaller cellular transmission sites that enable smaller radio waves to travel shorter distances are known to be a potential cause of cancer in humans. We need to be very careful on this front and learn as a community what are the precise risks to human health and welfare.

How the Chamorro people of the Marianas Islands can benefit

How our Chamorro people can benefit is through realizing that Guam and construction of 5G networks being tested in the

RICK'S COLUMN

By RICK PEREZ

Special to the Saipan Tribune



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Northern Marianas are part of a massive and broader American commercial effort to modernize, expand, and develop 5G infrastructure. Total U.S. corporate investment in 5G comes from 50 firms deploying close to \$300 billion. This massive investment has and will create many jobs for citizens across the American empire, including the Marianas Islands.

The Marianas public sector, education leadership, and island lawmakers are now in a position to seek out stronger partnerships between and amongst UOG, GCC, NMC, GDOE, governors' offices, and local legislatures to find mobile phone manufacturing companies, network equipment producers, chip makers, and software companies who are interested in bringing into the workforce younger, talented, tech-savvy Chamorros and villagers who can and will make a positive difference through working in telecommunications.

Second, the governors of Guam and the CNMI have nothing to prevent them from working with the United Nations on telecommunications development standards to address the concerns of villagers when it comes to how companies deliver technology networks, and how they are deployed for not only consumer and commercial use, but for business-to-business use, and systems of systems use. Local government participation is crucial to the success of 5G rollouts.

Lastly, there is no reason that Marianas leaders cannot further solicit large corporations to set up data centers in Guam or the Northern Marianas to help localize cloud computing. If this happens, villagers will be able to conduct their daily activities in ways that further enhance the speed of all their electronic devices, bringing about an overall higher quality of life.

Make room for the nonbinary

I am a baby boomer, born in 1957, who grew up in a very binary world. Everything from party affiliation to music preference was simplified down into an "either-or" mentality. Most of the time, what this really meant was that either you fit in or you didn't.

Until recently, every form I've ever completed had two boxes to check for sex: male or female.

Everywhere I go, a similar dichotomy presents itself. Nonbinary folks, whose gender identities are neither male nor female, are being erased and excluded from traditionally gendered spaces.

I identify as cisgender, which means that my birth sex (female) and gender (also female) are the same. I'm a Blesbian—Black lesbian—too, and, as a member of the LGBTQ community, I want to help by being an advocate for non-binary people, both within and outside of queer spaces.

Since 2020, many folks now introduce themselves with their name and pronouns: he/him, she/her, they/them, etc. This might be in part due to a year and a half of Zoom calls, where awkward clarifications of one's gender identity can be easily avoided by listing pronouns next to names.

For cisgender allies of trans and nonbinary people, stating your pronouns in your Twitter bio, office meetings, or the like is a way to help normalize the gender identities that exist outside of male and female. Gen Z-ers are leading this cultural shift towards tol-

erance of nonbinary people in classrooms, on college campuses, and in the workplace. But some things are still the same.

In the first broad-based population study of nonbinary folks, the Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law concluded there are 1.2 million nonbinary LGBTQ adults aged 18 to 60 in the United States. That's 11% of the LGBTQ population.

The study found that the majority of nonbinary LGBTQ adults are young, urban and white. More specifically, 58% of these nonbinary folks are white, 16% are multiracial, 15% are Latinx, and 9% are Black. Nonbinary people are also less likely to be straight than their cisgender counterparts; most identified as queer, bisexual, pansexual or asexual.

Nonbinary (abbreviated enby), gender fluid, and/or gender-queer are terms for gender identities that do not check the male or female boxes. They/them are often the pronouns they use, though some people use variations of she/they or he/they.

Among LGBTQ nonbinary adults, 82% reported experiencing emotional abuse during childhood, 53% were bullied and 11% were exposed to conversion therapy. Nearly 94% say they have considered suicide; 39% have attempted it, the study found.

We know that Black transgender women are being murdered at a high rate in the United States, with many of those deaths being underreported and those folks being misgendered. Of the

to oxygen deficiency or breathing in too much carbon dioxide. What's the actual downside to wearing a mask? We've yet to hear one (muffled voices, disguised facial expressions, "maskne") that isn't overwhelmingly offset by their lifesaving benefit.

If Americans are serious about ending this pandemic, they ought to be ready, willing and eager to do their part. Getting vac-

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nonbinary folks in the study, more than half reported being physically or sexually assaulted.

One can imagine the physical and mental health challenges that nonbinary people face when their identities nonbinary status are not recognized and instances assaults and abuse are underreported.

As our racial reckoning in this country continues, it should be inclusive of genderqueer and nonbinary folks, because not everyone fits neatly into a category or box. This lesson applies to everything, whether it be in discussions of race, gender, or other socially constructed identities that inevitably leave someone behind.

Healing should be inclusive. Here's to more education and acceptance.

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do not increase the risk of COVID-19 (an especially mind-bending claim of detractors), do not cause pneumonia and do not lead

inated should be their highest priority, but wearing a face mask is a reasonable expectation as well. If anything, it should be considered a patriotic badge of honor signaling that the wearers are willing to do their small part for themselves, their families and friends, their neighbors, their community and their country.

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Palau officials Udui, Inabo join APAFS board of governors

Palau Finance Minister Kaleb Udui Jr. and Sen. Rukebai Kikuo Inabo, AIF, have joined the board of governors of the Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies as two of three board members from the Republic of Palau.

Udui joins APAFS board members Patrick U. Tellei, EdD, president of the Palau Community College, and vice chairman of the APAFS board; and Palau Sen. Rukebai Kikuo Inabo, AIF, who chairs the Ways & Means and Financial Matters Committee of the 11th Olbiil Era Kelulau (Palau National Congress).

Udui was just sworn into office on Feb. 8, 2021, as Palau’s minister of Finance. His



Udui

public service began as chief of the Division of Budget and Management in the early ’90s. In the late ’90s, he served as financial advisor to the ministry and manager for a UNDP project that covered Personnel, Tax, and Planning reforms. In the 2000’s, Udui worked in Banking and also served as president of the National Development Bank of Palau. His private business activities have been in banking, energy consulting, and in real estate. He has also served on various public and private boards, including Palau’s Banking Supervisory Board and the Palau Chamber of Commerce.

Udui has a bachelor’s degree in Finance and Econom-

ics from the University of Guam and a masters of Business Administration from the University of Hawaii.

Inabo is serving her third term as a member of the Senate of the 11th Olbiil Era Kelulau.

During current term (2021 to 2024), she is the chairperson of the Senate Committee on Ways & Means and Financial Matters. In the previous Congress, she chaired the Senate Committee on Public Utilities, Communications and Housing Development. During the 9th OEK, she was chairperson of the Senate Committee on Energy, Public Utilities and Infrastructure.

Before joining the cam-

paign for the Senate, Inabo was the chief executive officer and general manager of the Palau Public Utilities Corp. She also served as the chief financial officer of the PPUC for over 10 years. Her work experiences include being vice president of the Bank of

Hawaii Koror Branch and chief financial officer for Surangel & Sons Co. She has held other positions locally such as audit manager at the Palau Office of the Public Auditor.

She has served in other public positions as board chair of the National Development Bank for six years and board chair of the PPUC for four years .

Inabo graduated from Palau



Inabo

Mission Academy. She attended Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska and graduated with honors in 1980 with a bachelor of science degree in accounting. In 1983 she went back to the University of Houston and graduated in 1987 with bachelor of Business Administration BBA with Concentration on Finance and International Finance.

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Scheduled power service interruption on Aug. 4

There will be a scheduled power service interruption on Aug. 4, 2021, from 9am to 11am for Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers in As Perdido and partials of Chalan Kanoa.

The purpose of the scheduled power interruption is for CUC to temporarily shut-off power in order for CUC linemen to re-install the airbrake switch in the affected areas that was damaged during Su-

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Americans denied citizenship seek review by full 10th Circuit

Three Americans born on U.S. soil in American Samoa—a U.S. territory since 1900—are seeking en banc review by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit after a fractured panel reversed an historic district court decision in *Fitisemanu v. United States* that recognized them as U.S. citizens.

The Citizenship Clause of the 14th Amendment guarantees that “[a]ll persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States.” But because of a discriminatory federal law, people born in American Samoa are labeled as “nationals, but not citizens, of the United States.”

Last month, the 10th Circuit panel relied on an expansive interpretation of the much-

criticized Insular Cases and ignored the clear command of the Supreme Court in *Wong Kim Ark* to rule that citizenship is not a “fundamental right” in overseas territories and depends on Congress’ whims, not the Constitution. The decision puts at risk the citizenship status of more than 3.5 million Americans living in the territories, since the federal government only recognizes those born in other territories as U.S. citizens by statute.

“Just last year the Supreme Court made clear that the Insular Cases should not be expanded, yet that is precisely what the divided 10th Circuit panel did in denying citizenship to our clients,” said Neil Weare, president and founder of Equally American, which

represents the Fitisemanu plaintiffs and advocates for equality and civil rights in U.S. territories. “The full 10th Circuit should review the panel’s decision both because it ignores clear Supreme Court precedent and because citizenship is the foundation of who we are as Americans. It is absurd that John Fitisemanu is recognized as a passport-holding American, but not a U.S. citizen.”

The divided 10th Circuit panel also grounded its ruling on an assumption that there is a “preference against citizenship” based on opposition to the case from elected officials in American Samoa, and unsupported concerns that recognition of citizenship might impact cultural and political self-determination in Ameri-

can Samoa.

“American Samoans are proud to be Americans and do not wish to establish any political relationship with the United States other than under the sovereignty deeded by their forefathers and represented by the U.S. flag. This sentiment is expressed by all American Samoans I have encountered in my lifetime, including those now opposing full citizenship. If that is the case then people born in American Samoa have a U.S. constitutional right to be recognized as full U.S. citizens and not this lesser status that is now assigned them at birth,” said Charles Ala’ilima, a prominent American Samoan attorney who represents the Fitisemanu plaintiffs. “Concerns that citizenship could threaten our land and culture

are misplaced, and the ongoing denial of U.S. citizenship to American Samoans has real-life consequences for thousands of American Samoans every day.”

Indeed, Equally American has heard directly from more than a thousand American Samoans living both in American Samoa and throughout the 50 states who are denied recognition of citizenship and want to be recognized as citizens without having to naturalize. They have shared how being denied citizenship has made them feel, and how it has impacted their lives. Hundreds of the American Samoans we’ve heard from are denied citizenship despite distinguished military careers. You can read what they think, in their own

words, at https://www.equal-rightsnow.org/american_samoan_voices. Others born in American Samoa who wish to share their thoughts can take Equally American’s “Citizenship Survey” at https://www.equalrightsnow.org/citizenship_survey.

“While the 10th Circuit simply assumes American Samoans do not want citizenship, the American Samoans we have heard from tell a different story. Their powerful voices also deserve to be heard, not just the voices of elected officials in American Samoa,” Weare said.

Amicus parties supporting review of the panel’s decision by the 10th Circuit will be filing their briefs by Friday, Aug. 6, 2021. The 10th Circuit is likely to decide whether to grant review by the full court in the coming months. **(PR)**

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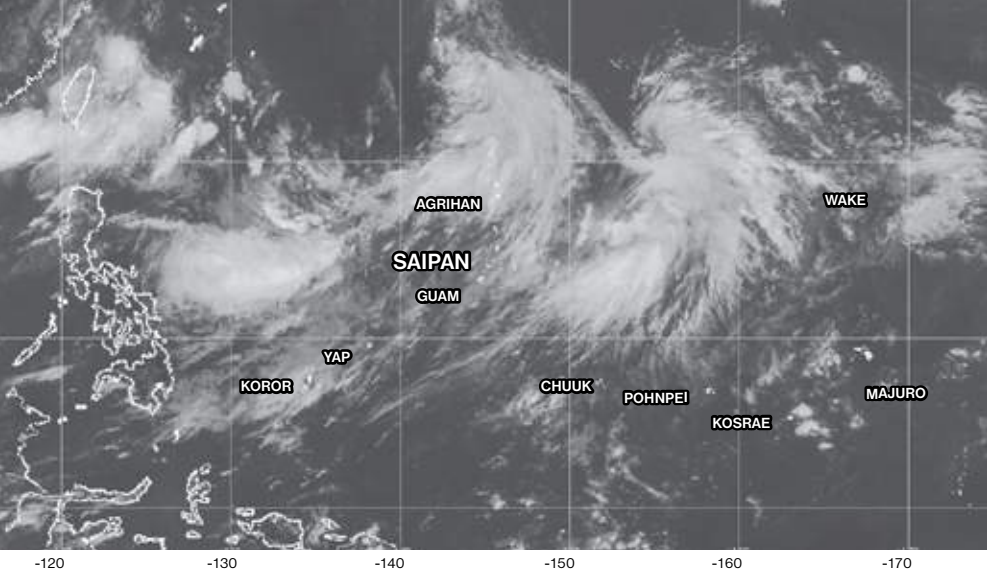
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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
									
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.		Partly sunny with isolated showers. South winds 15 to 20 mph.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.		Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.		Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	
85°	77°	86°	77°	87°	78°	86°	77°	86°	77°
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE									



PICTURE TIME: 7:01 AM, SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Satellite shows mostly cloudy skies over the Marianas, and scattered showers are seen on radar. Gentle to moderate west to southwest winds are evident on ASCAT analysis and surface observations, and seas remain near 4 feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

- Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.
- Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.
- Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.
- Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.
- Create a household plan of action, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html>
- Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

- Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:
 - Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.
 - Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20

seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mp and, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at <http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html> and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

Source: Office of the Governor

MICRONESIA			▲▼°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	87° / 79°	
Palau	Thunderstorms	83° / 77°	
Yap	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	89° / 81°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	86° / 81°	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:59 AM	6:46 PM
Tuesday	5:59 AM	6:46 PM
Wednesday	6:00 AM	6:45 PM
Thursday	6:00 AM	6:45 PM
Friday	6:00 AM	6:45 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	12:33 AM	1:35 PM	-
Tuesday	1:13 AM	2:25 PM	-
Wednesday	1:57 AM	3:17 PM	-
Thursday	2:44 AM	4:10 PM	-
Friday	3:35 AM	5:02 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲▼°F
Auckland	Rain	61° / 50°	
Beijing	Thunderstorms	84° / 72°	
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	91° / 84°	
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	87° / 75°	
London	Showers	64° / 54°	
Los Angeles	Sunny	84° / 67°	
Manila	Thunderstorms	90° / 79°	
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	61° / 52°	
Miami	Thunderstorms	88° / 82°	
New York	Partly Cloudy	82° / 64°	
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	91° / 81°	
Paris	Showers	73° / 55°	
Busan	Rain	84° / 79°	
Rome	Sunny	97° / 75°	
Salem	Thunderstorms	87° / 72°	
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	64° / 55°	
Seoul	Thunderstorms	90° / 73°	
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	91° / 79°	
Washington, DC	Mostly Cloudy	83° / 65°	

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
1:46 AM	High Tide	1.82	
9:22 AM	Low Tide	0.51	
4:33 PM	High Tide	1.56	
9:00 PM	Low Tide	1.31	

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 1, 2021							
DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	6:30am	7:10am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7	UA174	4:50am	5:31am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
UA117/183	6:30am	8:50pm	5 via Guam	UA184/174	9:50pm	5:31am+1	5 via Guam
UA117/183	6:30am	9:10pm	3, 7 via Guam				
GUAM-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-GUAM			
UA183	6:55pm	8:50pm	5	UA184	9:50pm	4:05am+1	5
UA183	7:15pm	9:10pm	1, 3	UA184	10:25pm	4:20am+1	1, 3
LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. <i>(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)</i>							
STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.							
FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 18, 2021							
SAIPAN TO ROTA				1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1301	8:30AM	9:00AM	Daily	1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1302	11:00AM	11:30AM	Daily	1205	11:00	11:15	Daily
1303	1:30PM	2:00PM	Tues/Wed/ Thurs/Fri	1206	12:00	12:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1304	3:30PM	4:00PM	Daily	1207	13:00	13:15	Temporarily Unavailable
ROTA TO SAIPAN				1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
3101	9:30AM	10:00AM	Daily	1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
3102	12:00AM	12:30AM	Daily	1211	17:00	17:15	Daily
3103	1:30PM	3:00PM	Tues/Wed/ Thurs/Fri	1212	17:00	17:15	Temporarily Unavailable
3104	4:30PM	5:00PM	Daily	TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
ROTA TO GUAM				FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2101	7:30	7:45	Temporarily Unavailable
3401	12:15	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable	2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
GUAM TO ROTA				2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
4301	13:00	13:30	Temporarily Unavailable	2105	11:30	11:45	Daily
SAIPAN TO TINIAN				2106	12:30	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2107	13:30	13:45	Temporarily Unavailable
1201	7:00	7:15	Temporarily Unavailable	2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
				2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
				2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
				2111	17:30	17:45	Daily
				2112	18:30	18:45	Temporarily Unavailable

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Kensington, World Resort are Travel Bubble's 'corridor hotels'

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Kensington Hotel Saipan and Saipan World Resort have been named the two "corridor hotels" for the first phase of the Travel Bubble, which is set to last eight weeks.

According to Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Priscilla Iakopo, corridor hotels are hotels that are subsidized by MVA to operate at 100% capacity to accommodate visitors under the Travel Bubble program.

These hotels are essentially the only hotels that will ac-

commodate the participants of the Travel Bubble during the program's first phase.

A few months ago, MVA issued RFPs—Requests for Proposals—to all hotels in the CNMI and only three responded: Kensington, Saipan World Resort, and Pacific Islands Club. However, PIC was designated the Hybrid Quarantine Facility, where arriving Travel Bubble tourists will stay for about a week before moving to the corridor hotels, deeming it ineligible to be one of the corridor hotels.

Kensington and World Resort were each allotted \$190,000

to operate at 100% capacity through the CNMI Tourism Resumption Investment Plan.

Iakopo said the CNMI Tourism Resumption Investment Plan allotted \$15 million for the South Korea Travel Bubble that is expected to run eight weeks. The funds will be used to motivate the CNMI's South Korea travel partners to sell Saipan's Travel Bubble.

"Although the budget set aside for tourism is \$15 million, the return on investment is far greater. The CNMI TRIP aims to revive this critical economic activity in the CNMI and, as a result, support the

sole means for the CNMI to obtain an influx of capital necessary to support the thousands of jobs and, even greater numbers of families, who have been impacted by this most severe economic contraction the CNMI has ever faced," Iakopo said.

The first batch of Travel Bubble participants who came in last Saturday totaled 92 passengers, according to Iakopo.

MVA said the first two flights, which came in via Jeju Air and Asiana Airlines, surpassed MVA's expectations. Iakopo explained that MVA expected to fill just 20% of the flight load for each air-

line but the number of visitors that came in last Saturday exceeded that.

Asiana and Jeju each have a total capacity of 171 so MVA expected to garner roughly 34 Travel Bubble participants for

each flight for a target total of 68 passengers for the first batch of visitors under the program. However, the first batch surpassed this expectation by roughly 35% with 92 passengers.

Military trainings continuing

ASAN, Guam—Military units will conduct training on Department of Defense installations throughout the island in the vicinity of Radio Barrigada, Dandan-Malojloj, South Finegayan, Agat Bay, Outer Apra Harbor, Farallon de Medinilla, in Warning Areas 13 and 517, and in the open ocean through Aug. 31.

Residents in the areas surrounding the training exercises should not be alarmed if they hear or see increased activity. Additionally, marine vessels are advised to monitor the U.S. Coast Guard broadcast Notice to Mariners for advisories and remain clear of the areas for the duration of the events. **(PR)**


OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC AUDITOR


INVITATION TO BID (ITB)
ITB21-OPA-001

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: August 3, 2021 **TIME:** 10:00 A.M.

"PURCHASE OF TWO (2) DELL SERVERS"

THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, LOCATED AT 1236 YAP DRIVE, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS (MONDAY – FRIDAY, 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM, CLOSED ON HOLIDAYS).


INQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO MICHELLE A. CAMACHO, OPA PROCUREMENT OFFICER, AT TELEPHONE NUMBERS (670) 322-6481/2 OR E-MAIL TO mcamacho@opacnmi.com.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI OPA PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC § 130-30-725 AND § 130-30-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

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/s/ KINA B. PETER, CPA
PUBLIC AUDITOR


/s/ MICHELLE A. CAMACHO
PROCUREMENT OFFICER



NOTICE OF INACTIVE DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS

The following Checking Accounts have been inactive with BankPacific for at least six months. The account owner should immediately contact the BankPacific Saipan Branch, Garapan at (670) 233-4752. The funds of each inactive account will be transferred to the Commonwealth Treasurer during the month of October 2021 (pursuant to Public Law 18-69). After such transfer, all inquiries pertaining to the account should be directed to the Commonwealth Treasurer.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
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NMHC IFB 2021-012

BID SUBMISSION DATE & TIME: August 19, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Vehicle Lease of 2-Pick-up Trucks for the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program

Bid information and packet is available on July 20, 2021, at the NMHC website at www.nmhc.gov.net by clicking on the "Procurement Tab" or at the CDBG-DR website at www.cnmi-cdbgdr.com.

The provisions of the NMHC Procurement regulations, NMIAC 100-60-725 AND 100-60-730 Prohibiting Gratuities, Kickbacks and Contingent Fees shall apply.

Inquiries regarding this bid shall be submitted to Mr. Jacob Muna, Office Manager/Procurement Officer via email at officemanager@nmhc.gov.net or facsimile at (670) 234-9021, on or before July 26, 2021, no later than 10 a.m.

/s/
Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director

/s/
Merced "Marcie" M. Tomokane
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NMHC IFB 2021-013

BID SUBMISSION DATE & TIME: August 20, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Building Maintenance Services for NMHC's Housing Units in Saipan

Project package will be available on July 20, 2021, at the NMHC website at www.nmhc.gov.net by clicking on the "Procurement Tab".

The provisions of the NMHC Procurement regulations, NMIAC 100-60-725 AND 100-60-730 Prohibiting Gratuities, Kickbacks and Contingent Fees shall apply.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid conference will be held via video teleconferencing on July 27, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. through Zoom Video Communications. Bidders will be provided the video teleconferencing link on the NMHC website at www.nmhc.gov.net. Bidders are requested to submit a notice via email at officemanager@nmhc.gov.net of their intent to participate in the mandatory pre-bid conference at least one (1) day before the conference. Failure to attend the Mandatory pre-bid conference will be considered a non-responsive bidder.

For more information, contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Office Manager/Procurement Officer, at (670)234-6866/9447 or email at officemanager@nmhc.gov.net during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
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NMHC IFB 2021-014

BID SUBMISSION DATE & TIME: August 20, 2021, 11:00 a.m.

Building Maintenance Services for NMHC's Housing Units in Tinian

Project package will be available on July 20, 2021, at the NMHC website at www.nmhc.gov.net by clicking on the "Procurement Tab".

The provisions of the NMHC Procurement regulations, NMIAC 100-60-725 AND 100-60-730 Prohibiting Gratuities, Kickbacks and Contingent Fees shall apply.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid conference will be held via video teleconferencing on July 27, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. through Zoom Video Communications. Bidders will be provided the video teleconferencing link on the NMHC website at www.nmhc.gov.net. Bidders are requested to submit a notice via email at officemanager@nmhc.gov.net of their intent to participate in the mandatory pre-bid conference at least one (1) day before the conference. Failure to attend the Mandatory pre-bid conference will be considered a non-responsive bidder.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO LEASE PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to lease certain public land in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

- The proposed lease of public land is described as Tract 21662 containing an area of approximately 44,350 square meters, more or less, situated in Garapan, Saipan. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands and website www.dpl.gov.mp for inspection.
- The prospective lessee is Saipan Portopia Hotel Corporation dba Hyatt Regency. The lists of officers for Saipan Portopia Hotel Corporation dba Hyatt Regency are Hitoshi Nakauchi, President, Nonuhiko Ikemoto, Secretary/Treasurer and Nick Nishikawa, as General Manager.
- The proposed lease is compliant with DPL regulations and was negotiated by Mr. Nick Nishikawa.
- The lessee shall use the premises solely for the purpose of operating a Hotel Resort Complex.

The term of the public land lease agreement is 40 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term of the lease agreement is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the property plus the applicable percentage of Business Gross Receipts in DPL's regulation.
- A copy of the proposed lease agreement may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; 1st floor of the De'Ana Commercial Building, Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian. A copy will also be available online at www.dpl.gov.mp
- The Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public land in Lower Base, Saipan.
- The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before, August 3, 2021, 2021 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

NUTISIAN INTENSION PARA U MA'ATKILAI TĀNU' PUPBLIKU

Sigun gi Seksiona 106 (b) gi Lain Puplicu 15-2, i Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku mannānā'i nutisia guini put i intension-nihapara u ma'atklā metion na tanu' pupbliku giya Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Mariānas. Maseha hāyi na pattida ni intrisao gi halum henerat pupbliku siña muna'hālum upiōn, imfotmasion, pat testimoniu kinontra gi tinahguin prinoponi siha para i atklon nu i tanu' pupbliku. Kumu mapribeni mās mo' na ginin i Lain Puplicu 15-2, i tinattitiy pettanesi na imfotmasion manisisisita para u mapupblika.

- I maproponi na atklon tanu' pupbliku madiskribi kumu Tract 21662 ni konsisisti kāsī 44,350 square meters, mās pat menus, ni gaigigi hālum Garapan, iya Saipan. I kopian pātīn i lūgāt managuaha gi ufisinan Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku yan i website gi www.dpl.gov.mp para inspeksion.
- I prospective lessee sa i Saipan Portopia Hotel Corporation dba Hyatt Regency. I listan ufisiāt siha para i Saipan Portopia Hotel Corporation dba Hyatt Regency si Hitoshi Nakauchi, Presidenti, Nonuhiko Ikemoto, Sekritāru/Tresurāru yan si Nick Nishikawa, komu Henerat Maniya.
- I maproponi na atklon ha tattiyi i regulasion DPL siha yan ginin manegosiuni as Siñot Nick Nishikawa.
- I lessee debi na u usa i lūgāt put atyu ha' na rason nu i kinalamtin Hotel Resort Complex.

I tema nu i maproponina kontrātan atklon sa kuarenta (40) ānus na tiempu.

I maproponi na atklon gi kada' sākkan gi durāntin teman kontrātan i atklon mapega gi putsientunu i bālin "appraised fair market" i propiedat yan i aplikao na putsientu nu i Business Gross Receipts gi halum i regulasion DPL.
- I kopian nu i maproponi na kuntrātan atklon siña machuli' gi ufisinan i Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku, ni gaigi gi sigundu (2nd) na bibiendan i Joeten Dandan Commercial Building iya Dandan, Saipan, primet (1st) na bibiendan i De'Ana Commercial Building, iya Songsong Village, Luta; pat i primet (1st) na bibiendan i Kings Commercial Building, giya Tinian. I kopia debi lokkui' na managuaha online gi www.dpl.gov.mp
- I Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku tāya marisibi ni hāfa na tinahguin inofresi siha ni para u ma'atklā i suhetu na tanu' pupbliku gi Lower Base, iya Saipan.
- I Sekretarian Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku debi na u aksepta tinigi' upiōn, imfotmasion, testimoniu kinontra pat tinahguin prinoponi siha ginin i manitiriso na pattida siha gi pat āntis di Augusto dia Tres Benti Uno, gi ufisinan Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha ni gaigi giya Saipan, Lutapat Tinian.

ARONGORONG REEL MÁNGEMÁNGIL POMMWOL ATKILÓÓNL FALUWEER TOULAP

Sángi Tálil 106 (b) reel Alléghúl Toulap 15-2, Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap e attotoowowa rongorong reel igha re mángemángil rebwe atklilay akkāw faluweer toulap loll Seipél, Commonwealth Téel Falúw kka Efáng Ilól Marianas. Schóókka re mwuschel isisilong kkapas, data, views, ngäre angieing reel pommwol atklilóónl faluweer toulap. Eyoor sáangi Alléghúl Toulap 15-2, arongorong ikka e amwirimwiritw ebwe akktéewow.

- Pommwol atklilóónl faluweer toulap e bwááó bwe Tract 21662 ebwe bwáábwe 44,350 reel square meters, elapelóng áreghus, iye e lo Arabwal, Seipél. Pappidil falúw yeel eyoor me Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap me bwal wóól website me www.dpl.gov.mp ngäre u Mwuschel amwuri.
- Pommwol school atklilóónl nge Saipan Portopia Hotel Corporation dba Hyatt Regency. List-al officers ngáli Saipan Portopia Hotel Corporation dba Hyatt Regency nge Hitoshi Nakauchi, President, Nonuhiko Ikemoto, Sekkretóoriyo/Treasurer me Nick Nishikawa, nge General Manager.
- Pommwol atklilóónl nge e angúungú fengál me mwóghutughutúl DPL me e abwungubwung sáangi Mr. Nick Nishikawa.
- Schóól atklilóónl ebwe yááyá falúw ngáli mwóghutughutúl Hotel Resort Complex.

Pommwol abwungubwungúl Atklilóónl Faluweer Toulap nge fááigh ráágh.

Pommwol atklilóónl ghal ráághatol abwungubwungúl atklilóónl nge e lo reel "percentage" sáangi "appraised fair market value" reel falúw fengál me "applicable percentage of Business gross Receipts" loll mwóghutughutúl DPL.
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BOH accepting grant applications for small biz on Saipan

Bank of Hawaii is now accepting applications for the *I Kinometi Para I Kumunidat I Islā-ta* Small Business Revitalization and Development Grant for projects that stimulate small business development and economic activity on Saipan.

Small business owners with a successful track record in business operation or management and who have not yet been a recipient of the grant are invited to submit applications by Friday, Aug. 6, 2021. Five grants up to \$5,000 each will be awarded.

Bank of Hawaii established the grant program in 2012 to promote new businesses and to encourage existing small businesses on the island of Saipan to expand.

Grant awardees are expected to report to the bank on how the grant has made a difference to their business and the community by Friday, Oct. 1, 2021.

Applications are available online (<https://www.boh.com/siteassets/files/economic-grant2021.pdf>) or by contacting either the Pacific Islands Small Business Development

Center at <http://www.pacific-sbdc.com/locations/cwwwwn-mi-sbdc>, Bank of Hawaii's Gualo Rai branch or Gualo Rai branch manager Rose Sumor at Rose.Sumor@boh.com or (670) 237-2983. Applications should be submitted to Sumor via email or by regular mail to Bank of Hawaii, Springs Plaza, Chalan Pale Arnold, Saipan MP 96950 or PO Box 500566, Saipan MP 96950. **(PR)**

Fee waivers for Aug. 3 info session participants

Those who participate in Northern Marianas College's info session tomorrow, Aug. 3, 2021 will qualify to have their NMC fall 2021 admission application fee and placement test fees waived—a savings of up to \$75.

The info session will be held from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at NMC's Olympio Borja Library in Building O. Participants are asked to wear masks or face coverings when on campus.

The sessions will cover topics that include the new vaccination requirements and financial aid options.

NMC's fall 2021 semester will begin on Aug. 16. A list of the classes that are offered can be found at www.marianas.edu. For additional information or inquiries, contact the Office of Admissions and Records at 237-6769/70/71/72 or visit www.marianas.edu. **(NMC)**



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

NMHC RFP 2021-015

BID SUBMISSION DATE & TIME: August 23, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

“Financial and Compliance Audits For Fiscal Years Ending September 30, 2021 and 2022”

The Proposal Packet is available on July 21, 2021 at the NMHC website at www.nmhc.gov.net by clicking on the "Procurement Tab".

Inquiries regarding this RFP shall be submitted in writing to Mr. Jacob Muna, Office Manager/Procurement Officer via email at officemanager@nmhc.gov.net or submitted via by facsimile to (670)234-9021, no later than 10:00 A.M. local time on July 28, 2021.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held via video teleconferencing on July 28, 2021, 2:00 p.m. through Zoom Video Communications. Offerors will be provided the video teleconferencing link on the NMHC website at www.nmhc.gov.net. We request from offerors to submit a notice via email at officemanager@nmhc.gov.net of their intent to participate in the mandatory pre-proposal conference at least (1) day before the conference.

The provisions of the NMHC Procurement regulations, NMIAC 100-60-725 AND 100-60-730 Prohibiting Gratuities, Kickbacks and Contingent Fees shall apply.

For more information, contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Office Manager/Procurement Officer, at (670)234-6866/9447 or via email at officemanager@nmhc.gov.net during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

/s/

Jesse S. Palacios
 Corporate Director
 Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC)

/s/

Mercé "Marcie" M. Tomokane
 Chairwoman
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NMHC RFP 2021-016

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DATE & TIME: September 01, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Consulting Services for the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program

The proposal packet is available on August 02, 2021 at the NMHC website at www.nmhc.gov.net and at www.cnmi-cdbgdr.com by clicking on the "Procurement Tab".

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE)
 MATTER OF) CIVIL ACTION NO. 21-0216
 THE ESTATE OF)
 ROSALIA) NOTICE OF HEARING AND
 SANTOS) NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 CEPEDA,) DATE: August 12, 2021
 Decedent.) TIME: 10:00 a.m.
) JUDGE: Joseph N. Camacho

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE ROSALIA SANTOS CEPEDA OR HER ESTATE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MERCED CEPEDA SANTOS has petitioned the Superior Court of Northern Marianas Islands to ADMIT ESTATE INTO PROBATE AND APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATRIX for the Estate of Rosalia Santos Cepeda, the deceased. The attorney for Petitioner is Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plate Drive, Whispering Palms (Chalan Kiya) P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950.

The hearing on the Petition is scheduled to be heard on the date at the time set forth above at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands. All interested persons and entities should appear at the hearing.

Any and all persons, creditors, or entities having claims against the deceased or her Estate are hereby required by the law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of this publication or claim(s) will be barred. A copy of your claims should also be sent to ROBERT T. TORRES, Attorney at Law, at the address herein-above indicated.

Respectfully submitted this ___ day of July 2021.

/s/
 CLERK OF COURT/SEPUTY CLERK

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*In his new life, he now joins his:***Son:** †Pierre Sablan Blanco**Step-Father:** †Jesse Mori**Step-Brother:** †Jesse "Che" Mori**Father-In-Law:** †Herman DLG. Sablan "Pitu"**Paternal Grandfather:** †Juan Blas Blanco**Paternal Grandmother:** †Constancia Reyes Camacho**Maternal Grandfather:** †Inacio Alafanso*His loving memory will forever live in the hearts of his:***Wife:** Carmen Sablan Blanco**Children:** Lilly Sablan Blanco, Ivan "JC" Sablan Blanco, Kide Sablan Blanco, Paige Rose Sablan Blanco**Maternal Grandmother:** Rose Alafanso**Father:** Juan Diego Camacho Blanco**Mother:** Rosalinda Alafanso Mori**Siblings & In-Laws:** Glen Palacios, Neimara Weilbacher (Brad Weilbacher), Hope Blanco (Reyanne Blanco), Roderick Blanco, Jay Blanco (Mae Blanco), Jonathan Blanco, Maggie Gordon, Iumi Mori (John Howard), Mark Mori (Yumi Mori), Sarah Mori, Hideichy Mori, Jeff Mori, Emma Mori (Stoki Chy)

†Ivan is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

Daily mass of intention is being offered at 6:00 a.m. at Kristo Rai Parish.

On Friday, August 06, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., responso and public viewing will take place at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral. The mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m.

*Your thoughts, presence, and especially your prayers are greatly appreciated.***CARMEN S. BLANCO,
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People have long anticipated the moment when life can return to “pre-pandemic normal, but with that reality in sight, many people are feeling increasingly anxious, said Dr. Tanya Middleton, a clinical assistant professor at Ohio State University who also is a licensed counselor with a practice in the Cleveland area.

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Having anxiety about returning to normal after the pandemic?

Here's how to deal with it

By MAX FILBY
THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

The COVID-19 pandemic sparked a slew of mental health issues when it started nearly a year ago, and as the virus recedes it's likely to do so again.

Although a full return to pre-pandemic life may be months or even a year away, Dr. Tanya Middleton is already hearing from clients about the stresses and anxieties of returning to normal. Middleton, a clinical assis-

tant professor at Ohio State University, is also a licensed counselor and runs a private practice in the Cleveland area.

“There’s still that fear of: ‘Are we doing this too soon?’” Middle-

ton said of returning to normal life. “There’s understandably a lot of anxiety wrapped up in that.”

Any significant amount of change can lead to new stresses and anxiety, Middleton said. People should understand that it’s natural to feel uneasy about a drastic life alteration, such as returning to the office after a year of working from home or dining inside a crowded restaurant after only eating outdoors for a year.

As Ohio shut down in 2020 and people were asked to stay away from friends and family, concerns over mental health became a top concern.

Lori Criss, director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, appeared alongside Gov. Mike DeWine several times during his COVID-19 press briefings to sound the alarm.

Last April, the state established a phone line seeking to help connect trained professions to people struggling with their mental health because of the pandemic. In the first month alone, the Ohio CareLine fielded more than 1,000 calls, according to a news release.

“The pandemic has created temporary but prolonged stress, resulting in increased anxiety, sadness, and loss for so many,” Criss said. “Even with the end in sight, like all-natural disasters the effects of the pandemic on mental health could persist for years.”

A recent survey from the American Psychological Association found that 49% of adults reported feeling uncomfortable about returning to in-person interactions when the pandemic ends. Even 48% of who have received the COVID-19 vaccine report feeling the same way.

It will take time for anxiety, stress and depression induced by the virus to fully subside. But, Middleton said, there are ways to overcome them.

One method to dealing with post-pandemic anxiety is meditation. Meditation is the process of train-

ing one’s attention on something, whether that be breathing, an object or something else, said Lama Kathy Wesley, who teaches meditation for Columbus Karma Thegsum Chöling Buddhist Center.

Meditation allows people to let go of some of their thoughts and concerns, Wesley said. That, she said, can be a powerful thing when there’s so many things happening at once like there has been with the pandemic.

“Once you learn how to drop something, that’s actually a really empowering feeling,” Wesley said. “You are in charge with what you’re going to do with your attention.”

Since the virus first hit Ohio in March 2020, Wesley has been teaching meditation virtually using video conferencing software. Although she’s looking forward to the day when she and her students can gather again, Wesley is glad she’s been able to help them meditate in trying times.

Although it’s hard to know for sure, Wesley said her classes have increased in size recently which could be the result of the waning pandemic.

Meditation may not be for everyone though. In that case, Middleton suggested people try getting up and moving, whether that be by exercising, trying something like yoga or simply going for a walk.

If all else fails, Middleton suggested people just try to slowly ease back into their pre-pandemic lives. There’s no need to rush, she said.

“It’s kind of like swimming,” Middleton said. “If you’re worried, I wouldn’t suggest getting on a plane. ... If you were getting groceries delivered, go to the grocery store but maybe go during less busy hours. It’s OK to take small baby steps toward normal.”

If you or someone you know is in suicidal crisis, call 911 or go to an emergency room. Or call the national Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255/TALK (1-888-628-9454 for Spanish speakers).

Mayo Clinic Q&A: How to reverse prediabetes

DEAR MAYO CLINIC: I’m a 36-year-old man recently diagnosed with prediabetes. Is there a way to reverse this, or am I destined to eventually get diabetes? My health care provider says I’ve likely been in the prediabetes stage for a year or more.

ANSWER: There are steps you can take to slow the progression of prediabetes to Type 2 diabetes. You may even be able to stop or reverse it. That’s important because once Type 2 diabetes develops, the disease can lead to complications that can cause serious, long-term health problems.

Diabetes occurs when the level of sugar in the blood is too high. That happens because of a problem with the hormone insulin, which is made in the pancreas. When you eat, the pancreas releases insulin into the bloodstream. This allows sugar to enter your cells, lowering the amount of sugar in your blood.

In Type 2 diabetes, the pancreas does not make enough insulin, and the body can’t use insulin as well as

it should. That means sugar cannot move into the cells, and it builds up in the blood. Prediabetes is a condition in which blood sugar is higher than normal, but it’s not high enough to be considered Type 2 diabetes. People who have prediabetes are at high risk to develop Type 2 diabetes.

As in your case, a person’s blood sugar can be at a prediabetes level for quite some time. Although it doesn’t carry all the risks of the full disease, prediabetes isn’t harmless. The damage diabetes can do to your body may start in the prediabetes stage, particularly complications that affect the blood vessels, heart and kidneys.

The good news is that there are ways to reverse this condition. Certain lifestyle changes can lower your blood sugar level and decrease your risk of developing diabetes.

One key is getting to and maintaining a healthy weight. The root cause of Type 2 diabetes is not completely clear, but being overweight plays a role. In people who

are overweight, the body may need two to three times more insulin than it would at a healthy weight. When the pancreas tries to produce that much additional insulin, it can be pushed beyond its capacity, and insulin-producing cells start to die. That worsens the situation because the pancreas then has even fewer cells with which to make insulin.

Compounding the problem, research also has shown that the fat cells of people who are obese and who have more abdominal fat release molecules that can harm the pancreas. So the more abdominal fat you have, the higher the risk of damage to your pancreas.

If you need to lose weight, changes in eating habits are often necessary. Eat a healthy diet that’s rich in vegetables, fruits and whole grains. For guidance, consider talking with a dietitian. To maintain a healthy weight, exercise regularly. For best results, get 150 minutes or more of moderate aerobic physical activity a week or

at least 30 minutes most days. If you count steps as a way to monitor activity, it probably will require 10,000-15,000 steps a day to stay at a lower weight. Another benefit of physical activity is that muscle can take up and burn sugar without insulin, taking pressure off the pancreas.

Controlling high blood pressure and high cholesterol can ease your risk of future disease, too. And because smoking can worsen insulin resistance in the body, don’t smoke. For help quitting, talk to your health care provider.

Preventing prediabetes from progressing to Type 2 diabetes is vital for your long-term health. Over time, Type 2 diabetes can affect nearly every major organ in your body, including the blood vessels, nerves, eyes and kidneys. If left untreated, diabetes complications may be disabling or even life-threatening. But if you lower your blood sugar level, your risk of Type 2 diabetes and its potential complications decrease dramatically.

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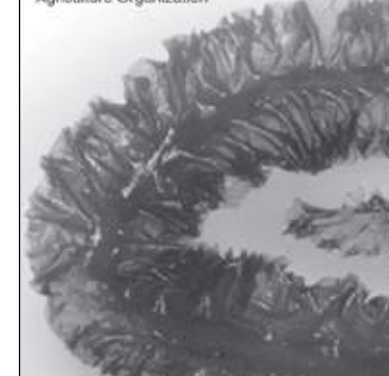
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Limu mui, a seaweed from the Pacific island of Tonga frequently used in drinks with aloe vera and green tea, has many health benefits.

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Life & Style

Scarlett Johansson sues Disney over 'Black Widow' release

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Scarlett Johansson is suing the Walt Disney Co. over its streaming release of "Black Widow," which she said breached her contract and deprived her of potential earnings.

In a lawsuit filed Thursday in Los Angeles Superior Court, the "Black Widow" star and executive producer said her contract guaranteed an exclusive theatrical release. The Wall Street Journal first reported the news of the lawsuit.

Johansson's potential earnings were tied to the box office performance of the film, which the company released simultaneously in theaters and

on its streaming service Disney+ for a \$30 rental.

"In the months leading up to this lawsuit, Ms. Johansson gave Disney and Marvel every opportunity to right their wrong and make good on Marvel's promise," the lawsuit said. "Disney intentionally induced Marvel's breach of the Agreement, without justification, in order to prevent Ms. Johansson from realizing the full benefit of her bargain with Marvel."

Disney said the lawsuit has "no merit whatsoever."

"The lawsuit is especially sad and distressing in its callous disregard for the horrific

and prolonged global effects of the COVID-19 pandemic," Disney said in a statement. "Disney has fully complied with Ms. Johansson's contract and furthermore, the release of Black Widow on Disney+ with Premier Access has significantly enhanced her ability to earn additional compensation on top of the \$20M she has received to date."

After its release was delayed more than a year because of COVID-19, "Black Widow" debuted to a pandemic-best of \$80 million in North America and \$78 million from international theaters three weeks ago, but theatrical



Johansson

grosses declined sharply after that. In its second weekend in release, the National Association of Theater Owners issued a rare statement criticizing the strategy asserting that simulta-

neous release lends itself only to lost profits and higher quality piracy.

Once taboo, hybrid theatrical and streaming releases have become more normal for many of the biggest studios during the pandemic, with each adopting its own unique strategy. This weekend, Disney is employing the same strategy with "Jungle Cruise," and next weekend Warner Bros. big budget "The Suicide Squad" opens both in theaters and on HBO Max.

The revised hybrid release strategies over the 16 months have occasionally led to public spats from not just theater own-

ers, but stars, filmmakers and financiers who are unhappy with the potential lost revenues and the alleged unilateral decision-making involved.

The WSJ said Warner Media, for instance, paid over \$200 million in "amended agreements" with talent over its decision to release its entire 2021 slate simultaneously in theaters and on HBO Max.

But none have been as public as Johansson's lawsuit. The actor, who has been in nine Marvel movies going back to 2010's "Iron Man 2," quickly became a trending topic on Twitter on Thursday after news of the lawsuit broke.

Chinese-Canadian pop star detained on suspicion of rape

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—Chinese-Canadian pop star Kris Wu has been detained by Beijing police on suspicion of rape, police announced Saturday, following an accusation the former member of the Korean boy band EXO lured young women into sexual relationships.

Wu, 30, earlier was accused by a teenager of having sex with her while she was drunk. Wu denied the accusation.

The teenager said seven other women contacted her to say Wu seduced them with promises of jobs and other opportunities. She said some were under 18 but gave no indication whether they were younger than China's age of consent of 14.

Wu has been "criminally detained" on suspicion of rape "in response to relevant information reported on the internet" including that he "repeatedly lured young women

to have sexual relations," the police statement said. It gave no other details.

The pop star had previously denied the accusations. "There was no 'groupie sex'! There was no 'underage'!" Wu wrote last month on his social media account. "If there were this kind of thing, please everyone relax, I would put myself in jail!"

The news was trending as the no. 1 most searched topic on Weibo on Saturday night, and some users online started commenting on Wu's social media account, telling him to "Get out of China!"

Wu is a Canadian citizen, according to the police statement.

The official paper of the Communist Party, the People's Daily, weighed in on the case, saying in a short opinion post online that "Having a foreign nationality is not a protective talisman, and no matter how big the name is,

there is no immunity."

The teenager publicized her accusations on social media and later in an interview with the internet portal NetEase. A day after that interview appeared, at least 10 brands including Porsche and Louis Vuitton broke off endorsement and other deals with Wu.

According to the interview, she thought she was meeting Wu for a career opportunity. Instead, his staff who was present forced her to drink. As someone who did not go to bars, she said her tolerance was low and she was drunk after two drinks. The next day, she woke up in Wu's bed. That morning, he was kind to her and promised to take care of her, she said.

The teenager said that was the beginning of what she had thought was their relationship. This was the case until March, when he stopped returning her messages.

Spanish judge recommends Shakira face tax fraud trial

BARCELONA, Spain (AP)—A Spanish judge investigating alleged tax fraud by Colombian musician Shakira recommended on Thursday that the case go to trial after concluding there is evidence that the pop star could have avoided her fiscal obligations to the state.

Judge Marco Juberías wrote that his three-year probe found there existed "sufficient evidence of criminality" for the

WWE star: Ringside seats, beer for return of stolen necklace

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—WWE star Sheamus is offering ring-side seats and "many beers" to anyone who returns a prop cross necklace that was stolen from an arena on the campus of the University of South Florida.

Crime Stoppers of Tampa Bay is also offering a \$5,000 reward for information about the theft in May of the necklace, three title belts signed

case to go to a trial judge.

The decision can be appealed.

Prosecutors charged the singer in December 2019 with not paying 14.5 million euros (\$16.4 million) in taxes in Spain between 2012 and 2014, when she lived mostly in the country despite having an official residence in Panama.

Shakira, 44, denied any wrongdoing when she testified

in June 2019. Her public relations firm said that she had immediately paid what she owed once she was informed of the debt by the Tax Office.

Shakira faces a possible fine and even possible jail time if found guilty of tax evasion. However, a judge can waive prison time for first-time offenders if they are sentenced to less than two years behind bars.

by various WWE stars and a corner pad.

The theft happened in the early morning hours of May 22 at the Yuengling Center in Tampa, police said. Video surveillance shows a man believed to be in his mid to late 20s leaving the building, university police said.

The set where WWE's "Monday Night Raw," "Friday Night SmackDown" and pay-

per-view events are filmed moved in March from St. Petersburg to the Yuengling Center. The set was being used in May when the theft occurred.

Sheamus, whose legal name is Stephen Farrelly, tweeted in June that he would appreciate it if the internet sleuths could help track down his stolen necklace. He offered anyone who returned his necklace "ring-side seats" and "many beers."

Rekindled romance isn't creating much heat

DEAR ABBY: Over the last couple of years, I have become close with someone I was intimately involved with 20 years ago. We had a relatively short but very passionate relationship back then, which she ended for reasons that I'm still not clear about. For me, she was the "one who got away." We never really fought and remained friendly over the years.

She now has a child she has sole custody of, so we're never really alone. The three of us hang out a lot and take trips together. The problem is, we are not intimate and haven't expressed feelings for each other. I am, and to some extent have always been, in love with her. I don't want to ruin what we have, but I don't want to be stuck in limbo forever either. What should I do?

OLD FLAME IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR OLD FLAME: It may not be an accident that this woman hasn't found a babysitter so you can spend some adult time together. After "a couple of years," it's time for an honest discussion about why she ended your relationship the first time around. Express how you feel about her (if she doesn't already know) and ask whether your feelings are reciprocated. If they aren't, you need to adjust to the fact that you are in the "friend zone."

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DEAR ABBY: My best friend of 30 years and I haven't spoken since my wedding two years ago. We have had times apart be-

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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fore, and it's always for the same reason—she gets out of control when she drinks too much and takes it out on me. I thought for sure she would apologize after the incident at my wedding where she told me to "kiss her a--."

I realize her drinking is a problem, and I want her to know that I still care, but I'm afraid if we reconnect it will continue. I have thought about writing her a letter. It's sad, because our kids have grown up together. I feel lonely without my BFF. What do I do?

UNCERTAIN IN COLORADO

DEAR UNCERTAIN: If you think writing her a letter will make this person stop drinking, please understand that the solution to her problem may be more complex than that. If she were interested in rescuing your friendship, she

would have reached out after you returned from your honeymoon and she sobered up. I'm sorry you are lonely without your "BFF", but recognize that unless you are willing to accept her the way she is, you'll be better off concentrating on healthy relationships.

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DEAR ABBY: I was wondering how I can enjoy my college experience. I'm mostly wondering about what I should do while I'm in college to get the best experience (other than focus on my classes, because that comes first). What should I try and what things should I do while I'm there? I don't think college will be like high school in terms of things to do because I will be living on my own with new people. I just wanted to ask your advice because I'm about to go off to college this fall.

EXCITED IN GEORGIA

DEAR EXCITED: Every college is different. When you arrive and get settled, make it a priority to explore what options are available so you can meet new people and find groups that interest you. This will not only enrich your college experience but may help you to form lasting relationships.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Dressel, McKeon take place among Olympic greats

TOKYO (AP)—Caeleb Dressel finished off his gold rush at the Tokyo Olympics with two more dazzling swims. The guy who dreads all the attention won't be able to escape it now.

He's one of the greatest Olympians ever.

The 24-year-old Floridian captured his fourth and fifth gold medals of the Tokyo Games on Sunday, while Australia's Emma McKeon put her own remarkable stamp on the record book with a staggering haul of hardware.

McKeon won two more golds and became the first female swimmer—and second woman in any sport—to claim seven medals at one Olympics. Four of them were gold, the other three bronze.

Dressel was perfect in the events he had a chance in, capping off his stunning week in the final race at the Tokyo Aquatics Centre by putting the Americans ahead to stay in the 4x100 medley relay on their way to a world record.

"I'm proud of myself. I feel like I reached what my potential was here at these games," Dressel said. "It was just really fun racing."

He doesn't plan to savor his triumph for long — which is right on par for a guy who said a day earlier "the sport was a lot more fun when no one knew my name."

They certainly know it now. "I give myself a pat on the back and then I just want to go home, put it away and move forward," Dressel said.

In his first race Sunday, he cruised to a relatively easy victory in the 50 freestyle. By the time Dressel was done, he had entered elite club of swimmers who won at least five gold medals at one games.

Michael Phelps did it three times, of course, highlighted by his record eight golds at the 2008 Beijing Games.

There's also Mark Spitz (seven golds in 1972), East German Kristin Otto (six golds in 1988) and Matt Bion-



The United States' men's 4x100-meter medley relay team, from left, Ryan Murphy, Zach Apple, Michael Andrew and Caeleb Dressel, celebrate winning the gold medal at the 2020 Summer Olympics, Sunday, Aug. 1, 2021, in Tokyo, Japan.

di (five golds, also in '88).

Make room for Dressel, who made it look so easy.

It wasn't. "It's not the most enjoyable process, but it is worth it," he said. "I'm pretty over swimming in the moment."

Many of the retired swimming greats come up again to provide some perspective on McKeon's performance in Tokyo.

Phelps, Spitz and Biondi are the only male swimmers to capture seven medals overall at an Olympics.

The only other woman to win seven—in any sport—was Soviet gymnast Maria Gorokhovskaya, who claimed two golds and five silvers at the 1952 Helsinki Games.

"It still feels very surreal," said McKeon, a 27-year-old from Brisbane. "It's going to take a little bit to sink in. I'm very proud of myself."

Mirroring Dressel's final day, McKeon won the 50 free and took the butterfly leg on the Aussies' winning effort in the women's 4x100 medley relay.

The only event Dressel failed to win all week was the new 4x100 mixed medley relay, though that was no fault on his own.

In a race featuring two men

and two women, the Americans tried a different lineup than everyone else, which left Dressel more than 8 seconds behind when he took over on the anchor freestyle leg.

Not even Dressel could make up such a daunting deficit, though he did manage to pull the Americans up to fifth.

Otherwise, his time in Tokyo was perfect.

A win in the 4x100 free relay. A world record in the 100 butterfly. A victory in the 100 freestyle.

The last morning at the pool started with another romp in the 50 free—Dressel's third individual title of the games.

After diving in, he used his dolphin-like underwater technique to pop out of the water with the clear lead, just as he always does. In a race usually decided by a few hundredths of a second, he touched a half-body length ahead of the field in an Olympic record of 21.07 seconds.

When he saw his time and, more important, the "1" beside his name, he splashed the water and flexed his bulging arms.

France's Florent Manaudou repeated as the Olympic silver medalist in 21.55, followed by Brazil's Bruno Fratus in 21.57.

At the age of 32, Fratus felt

like a winner. He missed out on a medal at the 2012 London Olympics by just two-hundredths of a second, and finished a disappointing sixth in his home country games at Rio de Janeiro five years ago.

Waiting to get his bronze, he bent down to kiss the medal podium.

"I got myself an Olympic medal," Fratus said. "Nine years later, in my opinion, but I got it. I can have some peace of mind."

In the men's medley—a race the Americans have never lost at the Olympics—the U.S. was trailing two other teams when Dressel dived in for the butterfly.

Just like that, he blew by Britain and Italy with a blistering leg of 49.03, more than a second faster than anyone else.

Zach Apple made the lead stand up on the freestyle to give the Americans a world record of 3 minutes, 26.78 seconds — eclipsing the mark of 3:27.28 they set at the 2009 Rome world championships in rubberized suits.

Ryan Murphy and Michael Andrew joined Dressel and Apple to keep the unbeaten streak alive. Adam Peaty-led Britain took the silver (3:27.51) and Italy claimed the bronze (3:29.17).

McKeon completed her own sweep of the freestyle sprints, touching in an Olympic-record 23.81 to add the 50 title to her victory in the 100.

Sweden's Sarah Sjöström took the silver in 24.07, while 2016 gold medalist Pernille Blume of Denmark settled for bronze this time at 24.21.

In the medley relay, McKeon entered truly rarified territory. She took the butterfly leg before Cate Campbell rallied the Aussies to a victory over the two-time defending champion Americans.

"I don't know how she does it. I'm exhausted," said Kyle Chalmers, one of McKeon's teammates. "To win one gold medal or an Olympic medal, it's very, very special. We're lucky to have her on the team."

The Aussies' winning time was another Olympic record, 3:51.60. Abbey Weitzeil couldn't quite hold off Campbell, leaving the U.S. with a silver at 3:51.73. The bronze went to Canada (3:52.60).

After having her goggles slip off during the mixed medley relay, 17-year-old Lydia Jacoby wore two caps to make sure she didn't have a similar mishap.

"I don't think anyone's ever been happier to have their goggles on when they dive into the water," she said. "It was definitely satisfying. I wanted redemption."

In keeping with the theme of the day, Bobby Finke pulled off his own sweep in the two longest freestyle races.

With another strong finishing kick, Finke became the first American man in 37 years to win the 1,500 freestyle. He added to his victory in the 800 free, a new men's event at these games.

"I was confident in my ability to come home," said Finke, whose winning time was 14:39.65.

Relatively unknown before the U.S. Olympic trials, Finke made startling improvement in recent months. He benefited as much as anyone from the games being pushed back a year by the pandemic.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

2020 TOKYO OLYMPICS MEDAL COUNT

	G	B	S	TOTAL
People's Republic of China	23	14	12	49
United States of America	19	20	14	53
Japan	17	5	8	30
Australia	14	3	14	31
Russia	11	15	12	38
Great Britain	9	10	12	31
Republic of Korea	5	4	7	16
France	4	10	6	20
Netherlands	4	7	6	17
New Zealand	4	3	4	11
Germany	3	4	11	18
Canada	3	4	6	13
Switzerland	3	3	5	11
Czech Republic	3	3	1	7
Croatia	3	2	2	7
Italy	2	8	15	25
Chinese Taipei	2	2	3	7
Hungary	2	2	2	6
Slovenia	2	1	1	4
Kosovo	2	0	0	2
Brazil	1	3	5	9
Georgia	1	3	1	5
Romania	1	3	0	4
Sweden	1	3	0	4
Spain	1	2	2	5
Hong Kong, China	1	2	0	3
South Africa	1	2	0	3
Austria	1	1	3	5
Denmark	1	1	2	4
Serbia	1	1	2	4
Jamaica	1	1	1	3
Norway	1	1	1	3
Poland	1	1	0	2
Slovakia	1	1	0	2
Tunisia	1	1	0	2
Ireland	1	0	2	3
Turkey	1	0	2	3
Estonia	1	0	1	2
Fiji	1	0	1	2
Uzbekistan	1	0	1	2
Bermuda	1	0	0	1
Belarus	1	0	0	1
Ecuador	1	0	0	1
Ethiopia	1	0	0	1
Greece	1	0	0	1
Islamic Republic of Iran	1	0	0	1
Latvia	1	0	0	1
Philippines	1	0	0	1
Qatar	1	0	0	1
Thailand	1	0	0	1
Venezuela	0	3	0	3
Colombia	0	2	1	3
Dominican Republic	0	2	0	2
Ukraine	0	1	5	6
Indonesia	0	1	2	3
Mongolia	0	1	2	3
Belgium	0	1	1	2
Cuba	0	1	1	2
San Marino	0	1	1	2
Uganda	0	1	1	2
Bulgaria	0	1	0	1
India	0	1	0	1
Jordan	0	1	0	1
North Macedonia	0	1	0	1
Turkmenistan	0	1	0	1
Kazakhstan	0	0	3	3
Egypt	0	0	2	2
Israel	0	0	2	2
Mexico	0	0	2	2
Argentina	0	0	1	1
Azerbaijan	0	0	1	1
Côte d'Ivoire	0	0	1	1
Finland	0	0	1	1
Kuwait	0	0	1	1
Malaysia	0	0	1	1
Portugal	0	0	1	1

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	63	42	.600	—
Boston	63	43	.594	½
New York	55	48	.534	7
Toronto	53	48	.525	8
Baltimore	37	66	.359	25

Central Division

Chicago	61	44	.581	—
Cleveland	51	50	.505	8
Detroit	50	57	.467	12
Kansas City	45	58	.437	15
Minnesota	44	61	.419	17

West Division

Houston	64	41	.610	—
Oakland	59	47	.557	½
Seattle	56	49	.533	8
Los Angeles	52	52	.500	11½
Texas	37	67	.356	26½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

New York	55	48	.534	—
Atlanta	52	53	.495	4
Philadelphia	51	53	.490	4½
Washington	48	56	.462	7½
Miami	44	60	.423	11½

Central Division

Milwaukee	62	43	.590	—
Cincinnati	55	50	.524	7
St. Louis	52	52	.500	9½
Chicago	51	55	.481	11½
Pittsburgh	40	64	.385	21½

West Division

San Francisco	65	39	.625	—
Los Angeles	63	43	.594	3
San Diego	60	47	.561	6½
Colorado	46	59	.438	19½
Arizona	33	72	.314	32½

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sources: Lakers acquiring All-Star Westbrook from Wizards

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Los Angeles Lakers are acquiring All-Star point guard Russell Westbrook from the Washington Wizards for three players and the rights to first-round pick Isaiah Jackson.

According to two people with knowledge of the deal, the Lakers are trading Kyle Kuzma, Kentavious Caldwell-Pope and Montrezl Harrell to Washington for Westbrook, who is a Los Angeles native and helped lead UCLA to a pair of Final

Four appearances. The Lakers had the 22nd overall pick in Thursday's draft and selected Jackson, a 6-foot-11 forward from Kentucky.

The people spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the deal can't be officially announced until Aug. 6, when the salary cap becomes official and teams can also begin making moves for the upcoming season. The Lakers will also receive second-round picks from the Wizards in 2024 and '28.

The Wizards also aren't holding on to Jackson. NBA Commissioner Adam Silver announced that Jackson's rights were traded by the Lakers to the Indiana Pacers via the Wizards a couple picks later.

This is the second time in three years that the Lakers have made a significant off-season trade. They acquired Anthony Davis from New Orleans in 2019 for Lonzo Ball, Brandon Ingram, Josh Hart and three first-round draft picks.

Westbrook is the league's career leader in triple-doubles with 184 and gives the Lakers another playmaker to pair with All-Stars LeBron James and Davis. Los Angeles won the NBA title in 2020 but struggled during the second half of this season when James and Davis were both out of the lineup due to injuries.

Even though the trade isn't official for another week, Westbrook took to Twitter to thank Wizards fans, with one of his tweets ending "I will forever be grateful and apprec-

iative of my experience with the organization. Thank you!"

The Lakers fell to the seventh seed in the Western Conference and beat Golden State in the play-in game to make the playoffs before they were eliminated by the Phoenix Suns in six games. Davis missed 30 regular-season games due to leg injuries and then the final 2 1/2 games against Phoenix with knee and groin ailments. James was out for 26 games in the regular season with a high right ankle sprain.

Votto inches short of homering in record 8th straight game



**N E W
Y O R K**

(AP)—Joey Votto came oh-so-close to matching the major league record with a home run in eight consecutive games, but Javier Báez did clear the fence in his New York debut and the Mets rallied past the Cincinnati Reds 5-4 in 10 innings Saturday night.

With the Mets down to their final strike, Dominic Smith hit a tying single off Sean Doolittle in the ninth. Brandon Drury opened the bottom of the 10th with an RBI single against Luis Cessa (3-2), driving in automatic runner Kevin Pillar from second base to win it.

Votto, riding a seven-game homer streak, laced a line drive that hit the orange padding atop the right-field wall in the eighth and bounced back into play—mere inches from sailing over near the 370-foot sign.

A foot higher and Votto would have tied Dale Long (1956 Pittsburgh Pirates), Don Mattingly (1987 New York Yankees) and Hall of Famer Ken Griffey Jr. (1993 Seattle Mariners), the only players to homer in eight straight games.

The ball was hit so hard, Votto settled for a single.

Votto got one more chance, but struck out in the 10th.

Edwin Díaz (4-4) was the winner.

Rays 9, Red Sox 5

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Wander Franco had two key run-scoring hits, the Tampa Bay bullpen worked out of a pair of bases-loaded jams and the Rays beat Boston to take the AL East lead.

Franco's RBI triple off Nathan Eovaldi (9-6) gave Tampa Bay a 6-5 lead in the sixth. Franco added a run-scoring single during a three-run eighth that made it 9-5. Francisco Mejia had a two-run single in the eighth.

Andrew Kittredge (7-1) fell behind Christian Vázquez 3-0 with the bases loaded and one out in the sixth, but rebounded to get the strikeout. He kept the game tied at 5 when he fanned Bobby Dalbec on three pitches.

Mejia and Ji-Man Choi homered for the Rays.

Yankees 4, Marlins 2

In Miami, Anthony Rizzo homered in his second consecutive game since joining the Yankees, leading New York over Miami on a night Marlins manager Don Mattingly missed the game after testing positive for COVID-19.

Obtained from the Chicago Cubs on Thursday, Rizzo drove a sinker from reliever Steven Otker near the right field upper deck in the seventh



Cincinnati Reds' Joey Votto blows a gum bubble in the ninth inning of the baseball game against the New York Mets, Saturday, July 31, 2021, in New York. AP

for his 16th homer.

Rizzo also singled, walked twice, was hit by a pitch and scored the go-ahead run. He is 4 for 5 and has reached base eight times in two games with New York.

Bench coach James Rowson managed the Marlins in Mattingly's absence.

Indians 12, White Sox 11

In Chicago, White Sox rookie Seby Zavala hit the first three home runs of his career, including a grand slam, but Cleveland rallied to beat Chicago.

Austin Hedges, Owen Miller and Amed Rosario homered to help Cleveland overcome a five-run deficit.

Zavala became the first player in big league history to hit his first three career home runs in the same game, according to Elias Sports Bureau. The 27-year-old catcher played his 18th game in the majors—he was recalled from Triple-A Charlotte on July 6 to replace the injured Yasmani Grandal.

Batting ninth, Zavala hit a solo homer in the third off Triston McKenzie. Zavala connected for a grand slam off McKenzie in the fourth for a 6-1 lead and a solo drive against Bryan Shaw in the seventh. With a chance to become the 19th player to hit a record-tying four homers in a game, Zavala singled in the eighth and finished with six RBIs.

Dodgers 8, Diamondbacks 3

In Phoenix, Justin Turner hit a go-ahead, two-run homer, Albert Pujols had a pair of RBI singles and Los Angeles beat Arizona.

The game was tied at 3 in the seventh when Turner

squared up a pitch from reliever Stefan Crichton that easily sailed over the left field wall and into the Diamondbacks bullpen. The Dodgers tacked on two more runs in the inning, including one on a pinch-hit, RBI single from Albert Pujols to take a 7-3 lead.

It was Turner's 19th homer of the season. The 41-year-old Pujols has 3,289 hits, four shy of Willie Mays for 12th in MLB history.

Alex Vesia (1-1) earned the win with a scoreless inning of relief. Arizona starter Merrill Kelly (7-8) pitched into the seventh.

Angels 1, Athletics 0

In Anaheim, Calif., Shohei Ohtani ended a long run drought with an RBI double, Jaime Barria outdueling Cole Irvin and Los Angeles beat Oakland.

The Japanese two-way sensation lined a double to right-center in the third that drove in Matt Thaiss and ended the Angels' string of 29 scoreless innings against the Athletics. It was Ohtani's 82nd RBI of the season, which is one behind Toronto's Vladimir Guerrero Jr. for the major league lead.

Barria (2-0) was outstanding in his second start of the season, pitching 6 2/3 innings and retiring 10 straight at one point. The right-hander gave up six hits and struck out three with one walk and a hit batter.

Giants 8, Astros 6

In San Francisco, San Francisco hit five home runs, four off Astros ace Zack Greinke, and beat Houston in an interleague matchup of division leaders.

Darin Ruf, Donovan Solano, Wilmer Flores and LaMonte Wade Jr. connected off Greinke. Mike Yastrzem-

ski added a later shot to help the Giants become the first team in the majors with 65 wins. Brandon Crawford hit a tiebreaking single in the sixth inning for the Giants.

Aledmys Diaz homered twice on his 31st birthday for the Astros, and Martín Maldonado also connected.

Braves 8, Brewers 1

In Atlanta, Dansby Swanson hit a grand slam and a two-run shot and drove in a career-high seven runs to lead Atlanta past Milwaukee.

Swanson had three hits, including his second career grand slam in the seventh off John Curtiss. He broke a 1-all tie with a two-run homer in the sixth, one pitch after it appeared he struck out. His run-scoring single in the fourth tied it at 1.

Swanson has set a career high with 20 homers, matching the Braves' franchise record for a shortstop. Denis Menke hit 20 homers in 1964 for the Milwaukee Braves.

Jesse Chavez (2-2) pitched a scoreless sixth. Brandon Woodruff (7-6) took the loss.

Blue Jays 4, Royals 0

In Toronto, George Springer hit two home runs, Alek Manoah pitched seven dominant innings and Toronto beat Kansas City for its third straight victory.

Activated off the 10-day injured list before the game, Manoah (3-1) allowed just two singles. The rookie right-hander hadn't pitched since July 9 after slipping on the dugout steps and hurting his back in Toronto's first series following the All-Star break.

Reliever Ryan Borucki got two outs in the eighth and Adam Cimber finished by striking out four straight bat-

ters. Mike Minor (8-9) was the loser.

Twins 8, Cardinals 1

In St. Louis, Ryan Jeffers hit a three-run homer, rookie right-hander Bailey Ober threw four effective innings and Minnesota beat St. Louis to end a three-game losing streak.

Jeffers hit two home runs, including his first grand slam, and drove home six in a 17-14 loss to Detroit on Wednesday. He drilled his ninth home run of the season off St. Louis starter Jake Woodford (2-3) to highlight a five-run third inning that made it 7-0.

Ober, making his 11th career start, allowed one run on four hits over four innings. He struck six and did not walk a batter.

Jorge Alcala (3-5) picked up the win with two innings of scoreless relief.

Cubs 6, Nationals 3

In Washington, Kyle Hendricks earned his major league-leading 13th victory, Rafael Ortega homered and Chicago beat Washington.

The Cubs, who had dropped four in a row, made six trades prior to Friday's deadline, scattering Javier Báez, Kris Bryant, Anthony Rizzo and Craig Kimbrel and others to contenders.

Hendricks (13-4) won his 11th straight decision in a 15-start stretch. He was part of the franchise's 2016 World Series championship, is signed through 2023 and is one of the team's most recognizable remaining players. The right-hander pitched seven innings, allowing a run on four hits while striking out three.

Orioles 5, Tigers 2

In Detroit, John Means struck

out six in six strong innings, Maikel Franco homered and Baltimore beat Detroit.

Means (5-3) gave up one run on four hits in first victory since May 5. The left-hander was making his third start since going on the injured list in early June with a left shoulder strain. The Orioles have won six of their last eight games.

Cole Sulser earned his fifth save, striking out the last two batters after Detroit loaded the bases with no outs in the ninth.

Eric Haase 18th homer for the Tigers. Matt Manning (2-4) gave up five runs, two earned, on seven hits in 5 2/3 innings.

Pirates 3, Phillies 2

In Pittsburgh, Jacob Stallings drove in the winning run with a fielder's choice in the ninth inning, lifting Pittsburgh past Philadelphia.

Bryan Reynolds led off the ninth with a double into the gap in left-center off Jose Alvarado (6-1). Reynolds moved to third on Gregory Polanco's slow rolling groundout, and John Nogowski followed with a walk, loading the bases. Stallings hit a chopper toward third baseman Alec Bohm, whose throw home was too late to get Reynolds.

Chris Stratton (4-0) worked around two two-out singles in the ninth to get the win.

Rockies 5, Padres 3

In San Diego, Germán Márquez outdueling Yu Darvish and hit a 418-foot home run off his fellow All-Star to help Colorado beat San Diego.

Brendan Rodgers and Elias Díaz also homered off Darvish (7-6).

The Padres placed electrifying shortstop Fernando Tatis Jr. on the 10-day disabled list before the game, a day after he partially dislocated his left shoulder for the third time this season. Tatis leads the NL with 31 home runs and 23 stolen bases.

Márquez (9-8) held San Diego to two runs and four hits in six innings, struck out seven and walked four to snap a two-start losing streak. Daniel Bard pitched the ninth for his 16th save.

Rangers 5, Mariners 4, 10 innings

In Arlington, Texas, Jonah Heim hit his second two-run homer of the game in the 10th inning to lift Texas past Seattle.

Heim homered off Diego Castillo (2-5), who was acquired Thursday from Tampa Bay and hadn't given up a run in his previous 11 outings.

Spencer Patton (1-1) earned the win after giving up the tying run in the ninth inning and the then-go-ahead run in the 10th.

Simon says I'll win again; ditto for Vivian in 50m

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Simon Shindo and Vivian Chung didn't only repeat as winners of the

50m but also beat their previous times in the second installment of Saipan Swim Club's Triple Crown Open Water Swim Series last July 23 in the waters off the Civic Center Beach in Susupe.

Shindo was the first out of the water in the boys' 10-and-under with a time of 1:18.67 that was an improvement to the 1:53.4 he registered in the last open water swim on July 10.

"I want to thank all volunteers who organized the ocean swim. I'm very happy to have finished first as ocean conditions were bad. Waves were not only big but were also very strong, but I'm fine," he said.

When asked since he already won two straight 50m swims, if he would be amenable to taking on the 100m race next meet, Shindo declined.

"My target for the next ocean swim is again to get the gold medal in the 50m. I really don't want to try the 100m yet. I'll be exhausted."

Shindo's parents also thanked the organizers of the open water swim and congratulated all the swimmers.

"As parents, we are really thankful that Simon had opportunities to swim in the ocean and all the people who



Shindo

make this possible. We are impressed with our son, Simon, and all swimmers' efforts and accomplishment in the race."

Finishing second to Shindo in the boys' 10-and-under was Wigan Pugin with a time of 1:31.90, while third place went to Seungwoo Lee at 1:35.4.

"When I was in the ocean swim I was really nervous. But I finished third place so I'm very happy. I was little

scared because of the big waves. Next ocean swim I hope to win gold," Lee said when asked about his experience in the ocean swim.

Chung topped the girls' 10-and-under with a time of 1:11.65, which not only beat Shindo's time but also eclipsed the 1:28.6 she recorded in the first ocean swim.

"When I did the ocean swim I felt a little bit scared but



Chung

when I heard my name in the ceremony I was really happy. My target in the next ocean swim is to be first place and do my best," said Chung.

Her mother said swimming conditions were not ideal for that day as it was raining and the ocean tides were rough.

"Except for the bad weather, every swimmer and parent who participated and viewed the race had an awesome time.

Especially for the kids, they enjoyed it as it builds confidence and self-esteem and they get to rely on their own strength and ability. Vivian can hardly wait for the last race on Sept. 25 and as a parent, I wish we have more events like this in the future for the kids living on Saipan," she said.

Eva Shin came in second to Chung with a time of 1:33.16. "When I was do-

ing the ocean swim it was so hard. But when I practice that was fun and a little hard. I like the ocean swim. Target is second place in the next ocean swim," she said.

Third place went to Gwen Retardo with a time of 1:34.27. Even with the rough waters and strong waves, Retardo's mother said she wasn't scared because she fully trusted Swimming Center Tsunami Saipan coach Hiro Kimura.

"If he wouldn't cancel the race that meant he knew the swimmers could do it. There were also other talented swimmers around so I had no fear at all. I'm happy that I was able to see my daughter completing the race, being so brave out there enduring the big waves. Her swimming is becoming better and better all thanks to coach Hiro's dedication in training our kids. Can't be thankful enough. I'm looking forward to the next ocean swim," she said.

Triple Crown Open Water Swim Series was sanctioned by the Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation and is the second of three events, which main purpose is to choose four swimmers (top two men and top two women) that will represent the CNMI in the 2021 FINA World Championships in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates this coming December.

Results of the 100m for advanced and 500m open will be published in the next issues of *Saipan Tribune*.

HOLLYWOOD

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ATV Class during Marianas Racing Association's 2021 Monster Energy Point Series Race awards banquet last July 27 at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall.

Camacho dominated the division by winning all six races he took part in the last seven months at the CowTown Raceway Park in Marpi. He scored a perfect 50 points in five of those races and in the last race last July 24, the 37-year-old from Dandan still finished first with 47 points for a series point total of 297 points.

"I started riding in 1999 trying my cousin's 85cc Yamaha dirt-bike. I never got used to riding a 2-wheel [vehicle]. I

think at the time I didn't have the patience to learn the basics. I just wanted to go out and rip out the track. That was when I learned my first mistake. I went out on the track and crashed. Until this day before each ride I think of the mistakes I made and how not to make those same mistakes," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Good thing he made the shift to four wheels, which he said he'd always liked.

"My parents got my brother and I a LT50 ATV and we would ride around the neighborhood. When my parents saw I was interested in the sport they got me a 350cc Yamaha Banchee. I participated in the 2001 race here on Saipan before journeying off to the mainland to further my

studies. I would come back on summer breaks and ride during practices or participate in the races including Smoking Wheels in Guam."

Camacho's parents continue to be his biggest supporters and in fact gifted him his current ride—a 2019 Yamaha YFZ450R with a Dasa shorty exhaust, a fuel customs intake, and a vortex fuel optimizer.

The keys to his Big Boys ATV victory was riding smart, conditioning his mind and body, and knowing his competitors.

"At times I would go to the track and not practice at all. Some people have asked me how do I not practice and still come out to race and win. What they don't know is, I practice mentally. I watch my daugh-

ter practice or the other riders, and at the same time I study the track. The track conditions will always change after each bike passes. So I look at my line and check for an alternate line. Or I would look at the track and see where can I improve my time. Just because I'm an experienced rider now, I still take one lap slow to read the track; which lines I can take; the condition of each jump face; and the track condition overall."

Camacho thanked his family for allowing him to reach the pinnacle of motocross ATV.

"I dedicate this win to my parents most especially my mom who always goes above and beyond for her kids and giving us this opportunity. To my wife, my daughter, and my new born son, my siblings and

their family, and my par Jess 'Money' Guerrero and his family for always encouraging and supporting me."

Coming in second to Camacho was Henry Camacho Sr. with 201 points, while Rex Susulin rounded out the Top 3 with 197 points.

In the Mini ATV race, Theresa Borja finished the season No. 1 with 345 points, followed by Jesus Santos and Melvin Reyes with 307 points and 245 points, respectively.

The Pee wee ATV was ruled by Brooklyn Susulin with her 280 points with Keoni Rosario coming in second with 244 points. Skylar Togawa was third with 234 points.

First, second, and third place received \$200, \$150, and \$100 cash prizes, certifi-

cates of recognition, plus the No. 1, 2, and 3 plates that they can use for next season. First place also got a gigantic plastic cart from YCO True Value.

Results of the rest of the divisions—Power Puff, Pewee 1, Pewee 2, Novice, and Veterans classes—will be published in the next issues of *Saipan Tribune*.

CAROL

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between her academic effort and amazing talent as an athlete. We congratulate Carol and continue to pray for her and our amazing Saipan Community School alumni. Excited for all that is ahead!" said SCS principal Amanda Dunn.

Aside from their players getting the citation, Georgia Tech women's tennis was tabbed an ITA All-Academic Team for the second consecutive year. The honor recognizes programs that posted a team grade point average of 3.2 or above for the 2020-21 academic year.

Georgia Tech was one of 12 ACC programs featured on both the scholar-athlete and

ATTAO

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in seven different countries around the world.

"I feel good about my second place finish. It took a lot of determination, effort, sweat, tears, blood, and hard work to get second. It may not have been what I wanted but

that's OK because I'm going to train and come back stronger next year," he said.

Going to his 10th year in wrestling, Attao did almost every sport growing up but was drawn to the contact sports of wrestling, football, and judo the most.

"As I got older I started to enjoy the grind that is wres-

ting prior to ever stepping on the mat. Now that I'm older I still appreciate the grind and the process that goes into being able to compete at the level I do. Wrestling has blessed me with the opportunity to meet people and compete around the world," he said.

Attao, who last visited Saipan in 2011 when he

was 6 years old, thanked his coaches and family for providing his support system for his budding wrestling career and when he meant family it includes folks back in the CNMI.

"I would like to thank my family and coaches mainly because they have always been there supporting me and

helping me throughout the process. Even thank you to my family on the islands for the continued support through messages and video calls. I always know they're supporting me. I also have to give a big shout-out to my partners who have put in thousands of hours on the mat helping us all prepare," he said.



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Carol Lee named ITA Scholar-Athlete

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The CNMI's Carol Lee is not only reaping success in the tennis court in his first year suiting up for the Yellow Jackets of the Georgia Tech tennis team, but has also scored points in academics after being named part of the ITA Scholar-Athletes.

According to the Georgia Tech tennis team's website, the school's team was lauded academically earlier this month, as the Lady Yellow Jackets were named a 2021 Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-Academic Team. In addition, five student-athletes were tabbed ITA Scholar-Athletes, including the CNMI's very own Lee.

To be named an ITA Scholar-Athlete, an individual must hold a grade point average of at least a 3.5 for the current academic year.

Aside from Lee other Lady Yellow Jackets hailed for their academic achievements were Monika Dedaj, Ava Hrastar, Jeanette Lin and Sophia Sassoli. This is Lin's third recognition and the first for Lee, Dedaj, Hrastar, and Sassoli.

Lee told *Saipan Tribune* that it was an honor to be named part of the ITA Scholar-Athletes.

"Personally, it is very important because as a student-athlete, there are academic requirements that I need to follow and keep my academic as a priority. In addition,

Georgia Tech is one of the top academic schools so I do take my academic importantly and seriously," she said.

The many-time NMSA Students Athlete of the Year and 2016 Pacific Games gold medalist said it's important for students-athletes to not only put a premium on their sport but also in their studies.

"I think having the right amount of balance in academics and in sports is important for student-athletes.



Also I would like to give my appreciation to my parents. They pushed me and motivated me to do well in academics," she said.

Her father, Dong Min Lee, said he couldn't be more proud of Carol's latest achievement of being included in the ITA Scholar-Athletes list.

"I am always grateful to see Carol doing her best in her studies and sports for the sake of her future."

Jeff Race, CNMI national tennis coach and CNMI Sports Hall of Famer, said he's happy with his ward's continued success.

"We all know that Carol is an amazing athlete and a great person to be around. And she got an outstanding academic achievement as well, that's just fantastic!"

Her junior high school alma mater, Saipan Community School, also congratulated Carol for her latest accomplishment.

"Carol has achieved success by striking a healthy balance

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Carol Lee, seen here in a file photo, was named part of the 2021 Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-Academic Team while playing for the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets.

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Attao runner-up in Marine junior wrestling champs

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Aden Attao has made his home islands proud after finishing runner-up in the 2021 U.S. Marine Core Cadet/Junior Freestyle and Greco National Wrestling Championships in Fargo, North Dakota.

The 16-year-old is the grandson of Jesus and Ramona Attao of Saipan. He competed against over 5,900 of the best wrestlers in the U.S. from 47 states including Puerto Rico.

Attao, who resides in Boise, Idaho with his parents Jesse Attao and Stacey Hammar, competed in both styles in the junior (18-and-under) 285-lb division for a chance to win a national championship and Top 8 to earn All-American status.



Aden Attao, grandson of Jesus and Ramona Attao of Saipan, recently finished runner-up in the 285-lb Greco division of the 2021 U.S. Marine Core Cadet/Junior Freestyle and Greco National Wrestling Championships in Fargo, North Dakota.

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In Greco he had 58 athletes in his bracket. Attao won five straight matches including

the semifinals by pin or technical superiority (10+ point lead). In the junior Greco fi-

nals, he wrestled an opponent out of Illinois and fell short in the championship falling by pin. Attao finished as the 2021 Junior National Greco 285-lb runner-up.

In freestyle, the 6-footer had over 80 athletes in his bracket and lost his first match, 2-3, against New York. He, however, battled to win his next seven matches, then lost by a point to Oklahoma, 17-18, missing All-American status by one match with a freestyle record of 7-2.

Last April, Aden also competed at the 2021 UWW Cadet World Team Trials to earn the right to compete at the World Championships. At trials he competed at 110 kg finishing second in Greco and fourth in freestyle. He trains Greco/freestyle year round with Suples Wrestling Club and has competed or trained

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'Hollywood' tops Big Boy ATV

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Christian "Hollywood" Camacho ditched motocross bikes

after a nasty spill more than two decades ago in exchange for ATVs.

That decision finally paid off when he was awarded the No. 1 plaque of the Big Boys

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From left, Big Boys ATV Top 3 Henry Camacho Sr., Christian "Hollywood" Camacho, and Rex Susulin show off their plates/trophies during Marianas Racing Association's 2021 Monster Energy Point Series Race awards banquet last July 27 at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Tapa Hall.

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